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## Father to run in London Marathon for young Luka

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Leon Lima is running the London Marathon for Luka.

A man who grew up Barry is running the London Marathon for his three-year-old son who suffers from the heart condition dilated cardiomyopathy.

Leon Lima (33), a former pupil and keen sportsman at Barry Comprehensive school, describes his son Luka as "the bravest son he could wish for".

Mr Lima went to Cardiff University, embarked on a teaching career, and now lives in Bournemouth.

He told The GEM: "On April 22 I embark

on the second biggest challenge of my life: running the London Marathon.

"I say the 'second biggest challenge' because my number one challenge is ensuring that I provide the very best for my son Luka, who is the bravest and most inspiring son I could ever have hoped for.

"What Luka has had to deal with and continues to take in his stride is mind-blowing. I am running the

marathon to raise money for the charity Cardiomyopathy UK and two reasons inspire me.

"First, Luka was diagnosed with this life-threatening illness at eight months of age; I'm also running in memory of a Glenmoor and Winton Academy legend Dan Ferris (from Bournemouth) who left us in his prime as a result of cardiomyopathy."

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## SOME BONNY BONNETS ON SHOW ON THE HIGH STREET

Photo by Jodie Woolley.



## Mark's marathon attempt is not for the faint-hearted

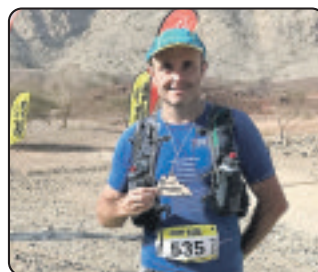
A BARRY man living in Dubai will take part in an event dubbed 'the world's toughest footrace'.

As The GEM was going to press, Mark Buley was heading to Morocco to take part in the Marathon Des Sables.

He will be on the start-line on Saturday, April 8, for the test of his life, but he has a great incentive.

"I am raising funds for 'Street Child' and its 'Right to Learn Appeal' in West Africa."

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Barry's Mark Buley is ready for the test of his life.

The High Street Easter Bonnet Parade is one of Barry's great traditions and it took place on March 31. There were amazing hats and costumes, and the youngsters all received an Easter egg and were given free chocolate by traders on their walk. FOR MORE PICTURES FROM THE DAY, PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 6.

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## 'Vale Council obfuscates deliberately' claims a reader

**T**HE Vale Council's proposal to "migrate" Llancarfan Primary to Rhoeose uses weasel words to avoid any toxic association with school closure, but that is what is planned.

If you migrate my heart out of my body, you will kill me as surely as if you stabbed it in place. If you migrate the primary school out of Llancarfan, you will kill the special character of the village just as surely.

Anyone who cares about protecting rural communities in the Vale should make known their opposition to these grossly misguided plans. If you've ever dined or supped at the Fox & Hounds, enjoyed a film at the community cinema, played tennis at the village club, or worshipped in the church, please consider responding to the council's consultation, which ends on April 20.

All these fine institutions have strong links to the school, and they will suffer if it is lost.

**Jim Barratt,  
Llancarfan**

## Jade continues fundraising to help her walk

**JADE OWEN** and all her fundraisers are pleased to inform GEM readers that the fundraising Valentine's dance was a great success – thanks to all who helped and to The GEM for spreading the word.

The GEM has been closely following Jade's fundraising progress over the last couple of years for an operation to enable her to walk and can announce that Jade has two further events for 'Wish to Walk' in April and May.

The first one is a fun evening at the Riverboat, Caerau. This is an Ann Summers charity event organised by Laura Louise and Jade's mum, Jane.

Information and tickets are available from Jane at <https://www.facebook.com/jane.owen.351>.

There will be tombola, raffles, games and plenty of laughs. Tickets are £10 each for this event on Friday, April 20 from 7pm-11pm which includes food.

The second event is on

Friday, May 18 and full details are yet to be finalised, but the evening will include plenty of music and dancing, with fundraising raffles from 7pm to 11pm and again, tickets will cost £10, including food and can be obtained from Jane Owen.

Even if you cannot join the party, it is possible to help Jade's cause by making a donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/jade-wish-to-walk>.

The date of Jade's second operation has been provisionally set for later this year but does depend on her raising at least another £30,000 in three months – an unenviable task.

The centre of world excellence for Jade's condition is in St Louis, Missouri, where Dr Parks performs an operation called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR). Jade is well known to Dr Parks and he has given the go ahead for the second operation this year.

Any donation will go directly to help Jade walk.

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## 'Politicians have biased views' claims GEM reader

**S**EVERAL of our selected politicians have been quick to express their biased views on the latest proposals to merge councils.

Surely, councillors have a conflict of interest in the matter and it will be impossible for the Welsh Government to influence them after failing the first time around. Perhaps the public, who pay the bill, should have a say.

Vale councillors tell us that it is the top performing council, suggesting it should be immune from change, but Wales has too

many councils and far too many councillors who cost about £22 million each year, so some pruning is required, rather than continually cutting services.

During the last attempt on mergers, I compared Scotland and Wales to view the bigger picture and to add some evidence to the debate.

Scotland had a population of 5.3m people with 1,223 councillors. Wales is a lot smaller with 3.1m people, but we have more councillors, 1,254 the last time I looked. Scotland averaged 4,334 people for each councillor, Wales just 2,472.

One option put forward by the

Welsh Government is for 10 councils in Wales and that could reduce the number of councillors by about 500 plus. In 2014, I estimated that would equate to a saving of more than £11m every year in salaries for councillors.

Add to that a reduction of 12 chief executives, their support and their management teams, and it is not difficult to see the potential for massive savings recurring each year.

Do we really need 22 councils in Wales and 47 councillors in our local council?

**Dennis Harkus  
FocusBarry**

## 'Brainless, anti-social individuals feed gulls'

**T**HE gull attack involving a young child reported in last week's GEM is a sobering reminder of the nuisance caused by these scavenging birds.

Unfortunately, some local residents still persist in feeding them. That is one reason why they have become so prolific. This egregious and irresponsible behaviour goes directly against the advice of both the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the local authority.

One of our adult daughters was attacked by a gull, but, thankfully, was uninjured.

Gull protection, under the 1981 Wildlife Act, needs urgent revision. The Vale Council says, because the birds are wild, they can do nothing.

That is not so. Where residents are known to feed these birds, a council officer can visit and ask in the strongest terms for feeding to cease.

In our area they disturb neighbours' sleep during the nesting season by incessant squawking in the early hours. In addition, they defecated on our

washing line so frequently that it was impossible to keep laundered clothes clean.

We can recall that, up to six or seven years ago, our garden feeding boxes attracted scores of small birds: greenfinches, goldfinches, chaffinches, blue tits, sparrows and robins.

They have been driven away by gulls, abetted by brainless, anti-social individuals who have scant consideration for others.

**Dianne and Derek Hooper,  
Barry**

## Running those red lights in Cowbridge

**T**HE traffic problems at the top of Eastgate are well highlighted by our Interim Town Clerk last week.

If only the drivers (and cyclists) would obey the rules. A solution, which will largely overcome the problem, is to have a four-way flow system for the lights.

The frustration drivers encounter is the delay which occurs when vehicles are turning right. This solution did

away with the problem with St Athan Road and the Aberthorn Road when we had only a two-way system.

Whilst considering this junction, the flow of traffic would be further improved if the stop line for the lights in Aberthorn Road was moved to before the Greenside opening, where the highway is wider to facilitate longer vehicles turning into this road.

I hope the highways department will consider both of these suggestions.  
**Don Bell,  
Maendy**

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(UNTIL APRIL 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
05 Thur	10.21	9.3	22.38	9.0
06 Fri	10.54	8.7	23.13	8.5
07 Sat	11.31	8.1	23.55	7.9
08 Sun			12.23	7.5
09 Mon	00.58	7.2	13.38	7.1
10 Tues	02.31	7.1	15.22	7.2
11 Wed	03.58	7.4	16.36	7.5
12 Thur	04.58	8.0	17.24	8.2

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# DIAG clashes with council over Biomass plant

**THE Docks Incinerator Action Group sent The GEM a letter claiming that the Vale Council was failing to address breaches in regulations at the Biomass UK No2 plant at the docks. (The letter is followed by a response from the Vale Council which says the plant is not in breach of any planning legislation).**

The Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) has fought long and hard against the incinerator, but Natural Resources Wales (NRW) ignored our

technical, medical, scientific and legal evidence and still granted the incinerator its permit to operate.

Now the Vale Council is the authority that can stop the incinerator. We are not asking the council to take our word over the word of the incinerator owners. All we are asking is that the council upholds the laws of the land.

The incinerator owners have repeatedly breached the regulations in the construction of their plant. They are working late at night, keeping local residents awake with the noise. The council has received hundreds of complaints... but they have chosen not to act and stop this.

The council is currently burning fuel, which is another breach of planning conditions at this 'construction phase' of the project. Again, the council could enforce the law and stop this, but they are choosing not to.

The council could also instruct NRW to block the commissioning phase of the project until the planning consents (including an EIA - Environmental Impact Assessment) are in place.

But so far, the council has chosen not to do any of this. Why are they delaying at this critical time for Barry's future? The whole town is watching to see if the council will do the right thing in time.

Soon, it will be too late and Barry will be stuck with this polluting monstrosity.

Alexis Liosatos, chairman of DIAG

The GEM gave the Vale Council an opportunity to respond to the points made in the letter. It explained its current position was outlined in a statement it made on March 16:

The Vale Council's Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) will continue to regulate matters relating to nuisance from activities not covered in the permit, such as light pollution and construction noise.

Following consultation with NRW and the operator, the council is not aware of any evidence to suggest the plant's emissions are a cause for public health concern.

However, in an effort to reassure residents, the council will acquire and install automated air quality monitoring sensors at specific locations around the biomass facility as soon as possible.

Any residents who are affected by light pollution or construction noise at night should contact SRS on 0300 123 66 96 (during office hours) or CIV@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

The council's planning enforcement team is also continuing to monitor the works and operations being carried out at the site.

To date, it has not been appropriate to take any formal action. The council is currently considering an application relating to a fire tank, building and relocation of parking at the plant.

This has been the subject of extensive consultation

and will be reported to planning committee for determination in due course.

The council will continue to pay close attention to the situation and should it be necessary, swift enforcement action will be taken.

Welsh Government has advised they are minded to direct that the planning application should be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The council is currently awaiting the outcome of discussions between Welsh Government and the applicant over the requirement for this, a situation which has delayed the decision-making process.

If Welsh Government indicates an EIA is required, it will be necessary for the applicant to undertake and prepare an environmental statement.

A full consultation process would then follow before any recommendation is made to the planning committee.

In addition to the statement of March 16, the council told The GEM that now that the licence had been granted the operation of the plant will be a matter for the NRW, with very little involvement from the council.

The council said it is not correct to say the operators have "repeatedly breached" anything. The council said they are not in breach of planning legislation or permissions for the construction.

The Vale Council emphasised that they cannot 'direct' NRW to do anything, pointing out that it is an independent organisation operating under its own legislation.

TC

## Councillor's pay rise will go to a good cause

**A BARRY councillor says he will be donating his new council pay rise to a local community group or charity.**

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales said in its latest report that councillors should get a £200 increase, effective from this April.

Cllr Vincent Bailey said he would forgo the sum because there were more pressing local matters to attend to.

"This will be a matter for each individual councillor to reflect on, but I just don't think that our pay is a pressing priority - particularly in the current climate.

"Instead, I will be giving this pay rise to a charity or community



Cllr Vincent Bailey will donate his council pay rise to a local charity or community group.

group in my ward to ensure that this money is spent where it should be - supporting the local community.

"I will do this in each year that I am fortunate enough to serve as a councillor for Dyfan residents and I will be inviting local groups to bid for this small but significant sum of money."

TC

## Penarth Aviation Society news

**EARLIER in March, a group from the Penarth Aviation Society paid a visit to the recently opened Aerospace Museum at Filton, Bristol.**

The trip was especially interesting to certain members of the group (Brian Thomas, John Evans and Lawrence Ferris) since they were all involved in some way or another in the building of Filton's finest, and certainly most

iconic, product - Concorde.

The group left Penarth at 9.15am, arriving at Filton at around 10.30am. After a guided tour of the museum, the members were able to take a more detailed look at some of the exhibits.

The return trip took in lunch in Chepstow and arrived back mid-afternoon. The trip was organised by our secretary, Barrie Howell, who is to be commended for his attention to detail in putting this trip together.

## Fundraising at medium event

**BARRY National Spiritualist Church and Centre would like to thank local businesses who helped their recent afternoon tea with a medium event through their donations.**

They would also like to thank Hevs Creations for seat coverings and table cloths, Wenvoe Golf Club for the banqueting tables, Sea View Club for the banqueting chairs, P O Cafe for the tiered cake stands and Waitrose Barry for the food voucher donation.

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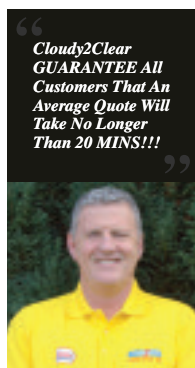
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## Dad's marathon attempt for Luka

**RIGHT:** Luka was diagnosed with the life-threatening illness but his condition has improved - although he continues to face challenges.



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Leon said Cardiomypathy UK had been a huge help to the family.

"It is a specialist, national charity for people affected by cardiomyopathy."

"The newsletter and Facebook group have provided my family with useful resources, up-to-date medical advances and personal support from affected families and charity members."

The good news is that since being diagnosed at just a few months old, Luka's condition has improved - although he continues to face big challenges.

"Over the past two years, he has stabilised, albeit on a large cocktail of medication. His heart remains severely dilated with impaired function."

"Luka is currently thriving - it must be the

clean coastal air. "Nevertheless, there isn't a day that passes that we take this for granted."

"His condition is not predictable and we do not know what is around the corner."

"Dilated Cardiomyopathy is the leading cause of paediatric heart transplants and we can only hope and pray that our son manages to grow in good health, avoiding the need for this medical procedure."

Leon added: "For all these reasons I am running the London marathon to raise money for this great charity and to continue to raise awareness of the different heart conditions that affect so many people."

To support Leon's run go to: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/leon-lima1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/leon-lima1)

## Soroptimists celebrate long-serving members

(Sitting left to right): Viv, president Jackie, Diane and standing, Iris, Chris and Pam.

**IN 1968, 23 enlightened local women joined together to form the Soroptimist International Barry & District Club.**

Three of these women are still active members, and in this year, as the club celebrates its 50th anniversary, long service awards were made to mark their outstanding service.

Two of these members are from Penarth, Vivien Liles, a retired optometrist, and Diane Dixon, a retired dentist. They were also presented with albums compiled by president Jackie Memory, with contributions from all club members, commemorating their 50 years of outstanding service.

Long service awards were also made to Iris Hopkins, a retired headteacher from Dinas Powys for 35 years, and 25 years service awards



were made to Christine Drury, a retired local government officer, also from Dinas Powys, and Pamela Price Thomas, a retired lecturer in further education, from Penarth.

These women are all proud to be members of this thriving club which aims to help girls and women achieve their full potential, as well as supporting charities locally, nationally and internationally.

To find out more about who we are and what we do, visit [www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district)

## Six of the best (or worst!) for Mark

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Mark continued: "To raise awareness and funds, I will take part in an event renowned for its tough conditions. It involves six marathons in six days across the Sahara Desert."

"Competitors endure 50-degree Celsius heat and run up and vast dunes and rocky jebels carrying all their equipment and food."

"Every penny raised will go straight to

supporting the great work of Street Child.

The UK Government will kindly match every pound people give during this campaign."

Mark has set himself a target of £2,000 and has so far reached £400.

To donate, go to: <https://streetchildscrafthalf.everydayhero.com/uk/joshua-s-1st-race-the-street-child-craft-half>; for more information on the cause, go to: [www.street-child.co.uk](http://www.street-child.co.uk)



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## Sully field won't be designated 'village green'

AN application to register Sully Sports Field as a village green has been rejected.

The application was made jointly by Sully and Lavernock Community Council and the Saving Sully Group.

The four-day inquiry was held earlier this year and gave interested parties the opportunity to submit evidence in favour or against the application.

The planning inspector, Mr James T Marwick, concluded: "My overall conclusion is the application must fail because a significant number of local inhabitants have not indulged in lawful sports and pastimes during the relevant 20-year period, and further that any claimed user in any event was not 'as of right' but, on the contrary, by 'implied permission'."

The inspector said key aspects of the evidence of Sully Sports and Social Club secretary Fred Johnson "were consistent with the balance of evidence presented to the inquiry".

The club had objected to the application and Mr Johnson told The GEM: "The crux of their (the applicants) argument was that people within the

village of Sully use our sports pitches for walking their dogs or any other recreational activity they wish.

"We are extremely pleased that the village green application has been thwarted and stopped dead in its tracks and common sense has prevailed. We would like to reiterate our thanks to all those who attended the enquiry.

"We would remind all dog owners that they should stick to the public footpath and not allow their dogs onto our land. We do this to protect our sportsmen, sportswomen and particularly our young children who train regularly on our sports grounds."

Mr Chris Tatt, who is a member of the Saving Sully Group, and serves on the community council, said it was a disappointing decision because the group had put a great deal of work into assembling evidence with 80 witnesses ready to speak - in the end around 20 were called.

He explained that there was no right of appeal but added that people with legal knowledge in the Saving Sully Group were examining whether there were any other options to pursue.

## PARENTS INTEND TO FIGHT TO KEEP THEIR VILLAGE SCHOOL

PARENTS and villagers in Llanccarfan are planning an energetic and high-profile campaign to oppose Vale Council proposals to move pupils to a new school in Rhoose.

Under the plan, Llanccarfan Primary School would close and staff and pupils would move to a new school that will be built in Rhoose and will have a capacity about double of the village school.

The campaign was unofficially launched at the annual duck race, which took place after school last Thursday (March 29).

Banners opposing the plan have appeared in the village, and more have been ordered by residents who want to get involved.

A letter writing campaign to politicians and education officials is also now in full swing, and a petition is circulating too.

The Vale Council announced its proposal in January, and a period of consultation has begun.

In the meantime, villagers have been taking it in and are determined to highlight the damage closure would do to the community.

Spokesman Matt Valencia said: "After an initial period of shocked horror, the community is getting its act together - as evidenced by the very full hall for last week's meeting, with almost all voices strongly opposed to the Vale Council's plans.

"The campaign to save the school will be robust. The big 'Save Llanccarfan School' banner hanging in the village is just the start."

He continued: "One of the main things we're focusing on is damage - and collateral damage - to the community of the school closure."

He said that the council's 'community impact assessment' had been completely inadequate.

He said: "No one from the community council or from elsewhere in the community - societies, the pub, the after-school club, etc etc - has been interviewed to feed into that assessment."

Harry Lewis, the managing director of the village pub, The Fox and Hounds, said: "The community has the full support of The Fox. The village school is at the core of the community and its values.

"The Fox has worked hard and, indeed, gone through a period of change, in an effort to reflect those values and the community ethos. It would be



sad, painful and wrong to lose such a key component of the village."

Mr Valencia added that the community was unhappy at the council's attempt to frame the narrative as a "migration to a super school", rather than a closure.

He said that there was great annoyance at the fact that the first residents had heard of it was when they read it in the press.

One part of the argument that is not going to go away is that, at the moment Llanccarfan is a feeder school for Cowbridge Comprehensive, while the new school in Rhoose would feed into Llantwit Major or Barry.

The GEM understands that the Vale Council has sought to reassure locals that pupils already in Llanccarfan Primary will have places reserved for them at Cowbridge Comprehensive.

However, parents of pupils in Llanccarfan think that circumstances could change, and are presently unconvinced.

CLR Bob Penrose, the Vale Council Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture, said: "We are currently conducting a consultation exercise over proposals for a £4 million investment that would see Llanccarfan Primary School move into a new state-

of-the-art building as part of the Council's 21st Century Schools programme. This engagement process will run until Friday, April 20.

"The proposal involves the construction of a new 210-place primary school building within the village of Rhoose.

"As part of the process, the council has carried out a comprehensive Community Impact Assessment. That wide-ranging process involved evaluating a variety of factors, including catchment area, school facilities/activities and traffic issues/walking routes.

"The council will, in due course, consider all responses to the consultation process, including any comments and opinions regarding the adequacy or otherwise of supporting information and assessments. Given that the consultation process remains ongoing, it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage"

GEM NOTE:

Last week's report mentioned that five years ago, there was a Vale Council plan to close three small schools - Llanfair, Llanccarfan, and Oak Field in Barry. In fact, the proposal came from a scrutiny committee 'task and finish' group, made up of Vale councillors, and was not accepted by the Vale Council cabinet, and so did not become a council plan.

## Graham's London run for Vale Foodbank

A RHOOSE resident is running the Marathon on Sunday, April 22, for the Vale Foodbank.

Graham Loveluck-Edwards, a founder member of the Rhose Runners Running Club, managed to get a place at the prestigious event by entering the public ballot.

Graham said: "Knowing of the great work done by the Vale Foodbank in Barry, Llantwit Major and St Athan, it was an obvious choice for me to support the cause and its volunteers.

"When you think of people going hungry, you expect it to be in the third world.

"It seems ridiculous that in a country as rich and advanced as ours that such need is still rife in Britain, and worse still, is on the increase.

"Even in the Vale the foodbanks are having to give out an ever-increasing number of emergency food parcels. That is why they need more money coming in to keep this vital service going."

Graham has set himself a £3,000 fundraising target this year.

He has run marathons before - the last one was in Dublin in 2014.

"It was to raise money and awareness for the cost of restoring the organ and lychgate at Porthkerry Church, both



Graham Loveluck-Edwards.

of which were First World War monuments in need of restoration.

"That campaign was a great success and the money raised was enough to get the work done."

Graham is following a gruelling training regime to prepare himself for the London Marathon.

"I run a few 10Ks and usually do the Cardiff half marathon each year, but a full marathon is a bit outside my comfort zone.

"In fact, when I finished last year's Cardiff half marathon the last thing that was going through my mind was the thought - 'Do you know what? I think I'll go around again!'"

If you would like to sponsor Graham and help him reach the £3,000 goal he has set for the Vale Foodbank, you can donate online by going to justgiving.com and searching for Graham Loveluck-Edwards.

The Vale food bank is run by The Trussell Trust a Christian charity. It gave 1,182,954 three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis in 2016/17.



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# YOUNGSTERS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT BARRY'S EASTER BONNET PARADE



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The High Street Easter Bonnet Parade is one of Barry's great traditions and it took place on Saturday, March 31.

There were amazing hats and costumes, and the youngsters all got an Easter egg and were given free chocolate by traders on their walk.

Tony Hopkins of High Street Traders told The GEM he was delighted to see so many entries this year.

"I would like to thank everyone on behalf of the traders for taking part in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade."

"It was great to see so many entries and wonderful bonnets."

"We hope everyone enjoyed themselves, and we'll see you all at our next street event! Watch this space!"

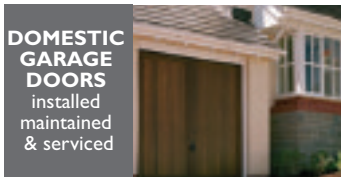


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## A toast to the centenary of the Royal Air Force



Retired Royal Air Force officers gathered to celebrate the centenary of the RAF.

ON March 28, a dozen retired RAF officers from Barry, Bonvilston, Bridgend, Cardiff, Llantwit Major, St Fagans and St Nicholas held a luncheon to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force which took place on April 1, 1918.

The event took place at the Cardiff and County Club. The organiser of the luncheon, Wing Commander Graeme Morgan (Ret'd), pictured holding the RAF

wings, said: "We come from a wide range of Royal Air Force disciplines, including pilots, engineers, administrators, an air traffic controller, an education officer, and a chaplain."

"It is hard to believe that several of us served for about a third of the Royal Air Force's 100 years. And as a group, we cover more than half that period, from the 1950s until well into the current century."

"Most served through the Cold War and others during the Falklands, the Gulf War, the Balkan Crisis, Afghanistan and Iraq."

"As you can imagine, this meant there were plenty of stories to tell, most uplifting, and many funny. "But there were also more sober moments, including memories of colleagues who died as a result of their service."

The celebration ended with a toast to the RAF, proposed by the guest of honour, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Royal Naval Reserve, a former Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan.





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## Event to inspire local communities to think 'green'

**IF you are passionate about your community, the environment and saving money, then you may be interested in attending a free 'Community Energy Inspiration Evening' at St Donat's Arts Centre on Wednesday, April 18 at 5.30pm.**

The event is aimed at people with an interest in community-led projects which benefit their local communities.

Community-led energy projects can empower people, support stronger local economies, and help people save money on their energy bills. They include projects that help reduce energy use, manage energy more efficiently, generate sustainable energy, or purchase energy more effectively.

This event is to be hosted by Creative Rural Communities, the Vale Council's rural regeneration initiative. They work with communities and

enterprises to develop innovative projects and ideas that will create long term social and economic benefits for the Vale. They have teamed up with energy experts Regen, who support the development of community energy projects across the UK.

This event has received funding through the Vale Council and the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning said: "We hope that the event will inspire some communities to develop energy projects in the Vale and empower them to take the next steps in achieving a greener and more sustainable Vale."

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- Evaluating the project and providing

reports to your board or external funders.

- Marketing the project – what do you need, who is it for and where do you use it to promote the project to the best audience?

- Managing resources eg budget, volunteers, space, time, equipment.

- Appointing a project management board. Who is on this, what do they do and will you need to write terms of reference?

To view or download the information sheet please visit GVS' website: [www.gvs.wales/news/2018/03/setting-up-a-new-project](http://www.gvs.wales/news/2018/03/setting-up-a-new-project).

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## Operation Eagle targets rogue traders in Vale

**SOUTH Wales Police officers and PCSOs joined forces with Trading Standards yesterday to target rogue traders in Penarth and Barry, following a spate of doorstep crime in the area in recent months.**

Officers used ANPR technology and specialist police teams to stop vehicles, check drivers' details and inspect vehicles and business documents.

Over the day, 24 officers spread across different locations in Penarth and Barry and stopped 80 vehicles, issuing a number of tickets including a £200 fine for an over-laden van and seizing eight vehicles that were towed away.

Sergeant Julie Madoc-Smart of Penarth Police Station said:

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"Following a spate of house burglaries and rogue trader incidents in the Vale recently, we set up Operation Eagle to target the perpetrators."

"A number of residents have had thousands of pounds worth of money stolen, following a scam where a network of criminals were purporting to be a police officer."

"At the beginning of the year, one woman from Dinas Powys was about to spend £58,000 on watches until her bank intervened."

"Operation Eagle was designed to disrupt any criminals travelling on the roads and to specifically target rogue traders and criminals who commit doorstep crime."

"These criminals will

prey on the elderly and vulnerable people in our communities by cold calling at their homes, gaining their trust and then stealing their money."

"Alternatively, some rogue traders will cold call at a home, and then pressure the vulnerable homeowner to hand over their money for shoddy or unnecessary house repairs."

"As part of today's operation we also gave out leaflets about uninvited traders, nuisance callers and safe driving, and officers gave suitable advice to a number of drivers who were pulled over. We would like to ask the public to be vigilant and to report any unusual or suspicious behaviour."

## PACT meetings in the Vale

**WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' every Monday morning? It is held at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.**

Buttrills PACT will be held at Barry Town Council Offices on Thursday, April 12 at 6.30pm.

Penarth police officers will be holding a surgery at Penarth

Library on Thursday, April 5 between 10.30am and 11.30am and Thursday, April 12 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

You can also meet your local officers at Penarth Police Station on Thursday, April 19 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Officers in Llantwit Major will be holding a police surgery at Llantwit Major library on Thursday, April 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

There will be a 'Coffee and

Chat' held by PCSO Angela Stone at the Star Inn, Treoes on Tuesday, April 17 at 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting please contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: [www.south-wales.police.uk](http://www.south-wales.police.uk)

where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

### Mayor's coffee morning

**PENARTH town mayor, Cllr Ken Lloyd welcomes everyone to a charity coffee morning on Friday, April 20, 10am until 12 noon at Penarth Town Council Offices in the Mayor's Parlour.**

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## YouGov poll finds 'local news reliable'

**LOCAL press in print and digital is the most trusted source for local news and information, way ahead of search engines and social media, according to new YouGov research published for the first time.**

Commissioned by Local Media Works, the research found that local newspapers in print and digital are trusted three times more for local news and information than social media platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Local newspapers, which are read by 42 million British adults in print and digital, scored highest for trust with 74 per cent of respondents agreeing that they trusted the news and information in their local newspaper.

Local papers are the most trusted of all the other sources, coming ahead of local commercial TV and local commercial radio (both 73 per cent), search engines (43 per cent), social media (22 per cent) and other websites (39 per cent).

Craig Nayman, Local Media Works chairman, said: "This survey provides yet more compelling

evidence of a resurgence of trust in traditional media outlets, with local media leading the way, as the public become increasingly aware of the dangers associated with social platforms and fake news.

"In the current climate, trust is at a premium and advertisers large and small must recognise the clear advantages of partnering with local media in order to communicate with their audiences in a safe, trusted, and highly effective environment."

Justin Marshall, associate director, YouGov – Digital, Media and Technology Sector, said: "As shown in the data from this research, trust in social media as a source of news is particularly low, followed by general internet searches, whereas trust in established news brands is far greater."

The YouGov findings echo those of the recent Edelman Trust Barometer 2018 which found that trust in traditional media in the UK is at its highest level in six years (up 13 points to 61 per cent), while trust in social platforms has dropped to 24 per cent and trust in search engines has dropped to 47 per cent.

## Bunnies and bonnets, but no sonnets, at Oak Field



**THERE were no cats in sight as Oak Field Primary School paraded in a Bunny Walk to display their Easter bonnets.**

The judges deliberated and awarded prizes to the most inventive bonnets in each year group.

Nicola Danielson

## Play it again, Alf!



Alf Jackson at Foxy's Deli

**A HOSPITAL visit had an unexpected outcome when Llantwit Major World War Two veteran Alf Jackson (97) paid a visit to Foxy's Deli in Penarth for lunch, after a check-up at Llandough Hospital.**

The eagle-eyed former Desert Rat spotted a piano half hidden behind a notice board and couldn't resist the temptation to give it a quick tinkle.

Foxy's Deli owner Sian Fox was delighted to hear the café piano being played.

"I couldn't resist asking him if he'd like to come and play for longer," she said.

Having learned to play piano as a youngster, Alf entertained his fellow comrades-in-arms on the accordion while serving in North Africa under Field Marshal Montgomery.

Later in Italy, he and another soldier had picked up two first-class Italian accordions in Castelfidardo, the home of Italian accordion-making, and it was this Settimo Soprani accordion that started him as a semi-professional entertainer once he returned home in 1946.

From playing accordion in a dance band, Alf progressed to owning one of the first electric organs in the 1950s and with a drummer, played for weddings and at work clubs every weekend for 15 or so years.

Now very close to reaching his century, Alf is still both mentally and physically agile and plays his Baldwin theatre organ or his electronic keyboard for almost an hour every day.

"It seems to be keeping my brain alive!" he said.

In 2010, as a birthday surprise, Alf was whisked up to Blackpool, where he was allowed to play the mighty Wurlitzer in the famous Tower Ballroom.

Since that first meeting, Alf has been back twice to the café, at Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, opposite Penarth Station, and played a one-hour afternoon set of musical standards from the '30s, '40s and '50s to the delight of the afternoon customers.

"He'll be back as soon as diary dates can be arranged. Even the younger members of staff were thrilled to hear the ivories tinkling. "It's brilliant! I've put him on my Instagram and it's already been viewed 30 times," said one staff member.



## CERDDORFA ORCHESTRA

**ONCE again, Cerddorfa Dinas Powys Orchestra is very pleased to be performing its spring concert as part of the Dinas Powys Music Festival.**

The concert will take place on Sunday, April 22 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4AF.

The programme includes: Beethoven: *Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus*; The first of 16 numbers for Beethoven's only full length ballet.

Tchaikovsky: *Variations on a Rococo Theme*; consisting of a theme with eight variations, for cello and orchestra with cello soloist Ben Tarlton.

Ben has played a number of times with the orchestra and is in his last undergraduate year at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. The

orchestra has followed his progress over the years to the fine musician he is today and are delighted to be performing with him again.

Saint-Saens *Symphony No. 2 in A minor*; a large scale composition in four movements with many innovative ideas of form and structure: a stormy allegro; a delicate adagio; a stormy scherzo and finally a lively dance – full of light hearted drive and energy throughout.

Tickets are £8.50 (£3 under-12s) and are available from The Dinas Powys Music Festival online sales at dpmusfest.co.uk; from the Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, and also from Griffin Books, 9a Windsor Road Penarth. They may also be available on the door on the night. Alternatively, telephone 029 2070 6288 or visit the orchestra's website www.cdpo.org.uk.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**A MEETING for all current and new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in the Llantwit Major area takes place on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm in the town hall in Llantwit Major.**

Anyone interested in setting up a new 'Watch' is welcome to attend the meeting where start-up packs, booklets, stickers and signs will be available, free of charge.

## New opportunities and prospects for the Vale as we welcome spring

**IT is always good to welcome Welsh Government Ministers to the Vale with news of investment in housing and education.**

Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration, visited Barry in March to meet residents who have moved into new affordable housing – the first to be completed under the £42 million Welsh Government Land for Housing Loan Scheme.

Welsh Government funding of £2.9 million helped finance the new development in Newbourne Place supporting Newydd Housing Association who bought the site and built the homes with a Welsh Social Housing Grant.

This resulted in 30 new flats, including three wheelchair adapted homes. These homes will make such a difference to the lives of the new residents in this welcome development. I know from my surgeries how much we need adapted housing of this kind in the Vale.

Welcoming Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Llantwit Major Comprehensive School

was also a delight on March 22, as he cut the ribbon to officially open the fantastic new block where we met enthusiastic pupils, who are relishing the new facilities for the school.

We have been working to achieve this for a long time, but finally this multi million pound Welsh Government and Vale Council investment in the education of children in Llantwit has been completed, alongside the new schools of Ysgol Dewi Sant and Ysgol y Ddraig – a real Llantwit Learning Community.

One pupil said to me: "It really makes you want to learn in a new school like this."

Visits by Julie James AM to Cadoxton School and Community Hall and Ken Skates AM to Five Mile Lane were also important milestones last month and I am always proud to showcase the Vale at every opportunity.

I was also pleased to acknowledge Welsh Government financial support for the new Cardiff and Vale Credit Union office on Holton Road at their AGM in Cadoxton Community Centre, hearing the good news of increased membership and support for the community providing ethical and affordable

### ASSEMBLY NOTES



by VALE AM JANE HUTT

loans for savers.

Backed by patron Michael Sheen, the Credit Union is making a difference in Wales and we are now encouraging employers to engage with the Credit Union Payroll Deduction Scheme which supports employees and employers in saving and ethical lending.

As well as these good news visits and announcements, I have also been raising questions and concerns with Hannah Blythyn, the Environment Minister, about the adverse impact of the Barry Biomass incinerator, and liaising with the office of the Future Generations Commissioner about the plant which is blighting our beautiful town.

I have pressed for an

Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out on the latest planning application to be made by Biomass and have welcomed the announcement by Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner, of her Review of Environmental Permitting by NRW (Natural Resources Wales).

I am submitting my extensive evidence of the work undertaken by DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group) and myself to the Commissioner, as I have done to all the authorities who have a role and responsibility with regard to the incinerator which has already caused great concern in its pre-commissioning phase.

I pay tribute once again to the people of Barry and the ever growing DIAG for their resilience and persistence in raising these issues and stepping up the campaign based on evidence of the adverse impact of this plant in the heart of our community.

Finally, the announcement by Hannah Blythyn of £3,132,650 flood defence funding to finance works at Llanmaes and tidal works to the Cadoxton River is welcome news for the Vale of Glamorgan as part of a £56m flood and coastal defence programme for Wales and it great to see the vital works at

Boverton coming to a conclusion to safeguard the homes and businesses so adversely affected by flooding in the past.

Good news and challenges ahead for the spring of 2018.

## Bowel cancer awareness at library

**TO mark Bowel Cancer Awareness month in April, Cancer Research Wales, will be at the main County and Barry Library, at Kings Square, on Saturday, April 7.**

Come and meet the team and take a walk through a large inflatable bowel and discover how this fascinating

organ, known as the second brain, really works.

Talks on the 'Challenges and Opportunities of Bowel Cancer in Wales' will also be given by Dr Lee Campbell at 11am and 2pm.

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Mike (second left) at the competition in Switzerland.



## Vale gundog judge is on his travels

**MIKE LARKIN** of Larki Gundogs in the Vale has completed two judging trips to Europe in the space of a few days.

Mike, from Ogmore by Sea, who has trained a number of dog champions, said: "I went to the Czech Republic from March 16 until March 20, returned home, and then went to Switzerland from March 23 to March 26."

British judges are much in demand on the Continent because of their high judging standards and knowledge.

Mike said: "In the Czech Republic

the week before I arrived they had been out in shirtsleeves but the competition went ahead in blizzards and snow.

"People had travelled all the way from Germany. In fact Germans came first, second and third.

"It was a proper competition; the standard was excellent. A few days later, I was on the Swiss-Austrian border. The mountain scenery was beautiful. I judged over two days and again the standard was high."

People in Europe are so keen to take part in competitions, they are happy to travel for a couple of days to get to a venue.

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## Shortlist announced for national award recognising new writers

**VALE author Sue McDonagh is among the contenders for The Romantic Novelists' Association's (RNA) Joan Hessayon Award for new writers, for Summer at the Art Café, published by Choc Lit.**

The shortlist is made up of authors whose debut novels have been accepted for publication after passing through the RNA's New Writers' Scheme.

Each year, 250 places

are offered to unpublished writers writing in the romantic fiction genre.

Sue McDonagh's novel asks the reader: 'If you won a gorgeous purple motorbike, and your domineering husband said you were too fat for leathers and should sell it, would you do as you were told - or learn to ride it in secret?'

Commenting on the contenders for 2018, Nicola Cornick, current RNA chairman, said: "The RNA is particularly proud of its New

Writers' Scheme, which is unique to the association and helps new writers on that difficult path to publication.

In recent years, there has been an excellent success rate and this year is no exception, with 17 debut novelists graduating from the scheme."

Imogen Howson, who runs the scheme, said: "It is wonderful to see debut authors graduating and we are ever grateful to Dr David Hessayon who continues to support the awards in honour of his late wife, Joan."

The award will be presented on May 17 at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

**'Ed Evans Walk' is now on May 7**

**THE Ed Evans Foundation has apologised for the postponement of its annual walk on Easter Monday due to poor weather conditions.**

Sue Evans, Ed's mum, explained: "It was a difficult decision to make but we had to put the health and safety of our supporters first.

"As well as poor weather which was forecast, the ground underfoot was very wet because of the continuous bad weather.

"The walk has been rearranged for Bank Holiday Monday, May 7. Hopefully we will see supporters old and new."

All information will be on website [www.edevansfoundation.co.uk](http://www.edevansfoundation.co.uk).

## NRW says that 'Hinkley mud is not contaminated'

**NATURAL Resources Wales (NRW) has revealed that sample results of dredged material from the Bristol Channel, which are set for disposal in Welsh waters, demonstrate it is safe.**

In November 2016, the Vale Council contacted the Welsh Government to express its concern about the material being deposited in the sea at 'Cardiff Grounds' not far off Penarth.

NRW said it had completed its assessment of the sample results of the dredged material.

Analysis by independent experts found the chemical and radiological results were within acceptable, safe limits.

The source of the sediment is the construction site of the Hinkley Point C power station off the Somerset coast and it will be put into a disposal site off the south Wales coast.

The analysis of the sediment was carried out by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

The results were assessed by NRW's radiological experts in consultation with Public Health Wales.

John Wheadon of NRW said: "Our seas are home to valuable wildlife and habitats and are important to our well-being and economy.

"It's our job to make sure activities do not harm these vital marine environments.

"The sediment from

the dredge sites has been tested thoroughly by independent experts.

"We are satisfied there is no risk to people or the environment and the material is safe for disposal."

The work will be carried out by NNB GenCo, which was given a marine licence by NRW for the disposal of dredged material in 2014.

A condition in the licence required NNB GenCo to test samples of the sea bed sediment at the proposed dredging sites for harmful chemicals and radiological materials before any disposal could take place.

NRW also asked Cefas to carry out a radiation dose analysis from deeper sediment samples taken in 2009, as well the recent samples, and the results show the material is not harmful.

But Cllr Vincent Bailey, who chairs the environment and regeneration scrutiny committee on the Vale Council, said he was not reassured.

"We considered this in committee a few months ago and I remain as concerned today as I was then despite this statement from NRW."

"It is very disappointing that no effort has been made to dump this potentially radioactive mud away from the Vale coast and like many people I'm starting to lose faith in Natural Resources Wales itself."

Further information on the marine licence and the sample results can be viewed on NRW's website at: [www.naturalresources.wales/CardiffGroundsSedi](http://www.naturalresources.wales/CardiffGroundsSedi)

## The Castle at War in Medieval England and Wales REVIEW

**THIS book by Dan Spencer explores, as the title may suggest, the role of the castle in warfare in England and Wales, focusing on the period from the Norman Conquest to the reign of Henry VIII.**

Previous authors have tended to concentrate on the architecture of castles and on establishing a narrative of how castles changed throughout the Middle Ages, which can be characterised as their 'rise and fall'.

Instead, this book adopts a new approach by discussing castles in relation to the military history of medieval

England and Wales, with chapters covering specific conflicts such as the Normans, the 12th century civil war, known as the Anarchy, War with Scotland, The Owain Glyndwr Rebellion and the Wars of the Roses.

It therefore combines two popular topics, medieval military history and castles, in one book. In this highly readable and ground-breaking book, the story of the castle is interrelated into changes in warfare throughout this period providing us with a new understanding of their role.

This hardback book, of 336 pages with 20 illustrations by Dan Spencer, is published by Amberley Publishing and costs £20.

BRIAN LEE

## THE HANG FIRE BARBECUE EXPERTS ARE TAKING THEIR SHOW ON THE ROAD

**IN their new BBC Wales series, Sam and Shauna's Big Cook-Out, Wales' best known barbecue chefs hit the road to celebrate the achievements of 'community champions' across Wales.**

Using food to bring together the whole community, each cook-out sees Sam and Shauna of the Hang Fire Smokehouse, Barry, host parties to reward the work of a variety of organisations and individuals.

They start by showing how to prepare the feasts on a small scale before upscaling to feed hundreds at large cook-outs.

The next step in their culinary adventure, the broadcast of the Big Cook-Out series comes after a successful few years for both Sam and Shauna.

Quitting their jobs, the duo embarked on a mission across the US to uncover the secrets of Southern style cooking using the 'spirit of smoke and fire'. Now with the Hang Fire barbecue restaurant in Barry, they're using their own spin on backyard barbecue to bring communities together.

The four part series will also see the pair share a selection of the recipes that have made them such a hit and in 2015 saw their Hang Fire business crowned 'Best Street Food' at the BBC Food and Farming Awards.

From picanha steak with chimichurri to spatchcock chicken in Alabama white barbecue sauce, all their recipes can be replicated at home.

"Making this show is a dream come true for Shauna and me," said Sam Evans.

"It embodies what we truly love about food and is essentially why we started our own catering business five years ago; food as the focus of a communal gathering.

"We witnessed many community barbecues in the States and fell in love with this way of showing community spirit. It's now our chance to give back to groups of people who volunteer their time for their own communities, and help them put on their own Big Cook-Out."

"We love to cook outdoors," added Shauna Guinn. "We want to show people that you really don't need fancy kitchen gadgets to make an amazing feast; just a basic barbecue, a bag of charcoal and some



**Sam and Shauna are giving people a taste of the best barbecue food.**

amazing local produce.

"Decent weather helps, but is by no means essential! Cooking and eating together with these incredible groups of people, who have all had their part to play in putting on a feast, is our way of celebrating their crucial role within their communities."

Kicking off their cook-outs by barbecuing a pig with Barry Town United FC, Sam and Shauna will then shine a light on the Llandysul Paddlers Canoe Club, The Cefn Hengoed Majestics Marching Band and the Brecon Mountain Rescue Team.

In addition to visiting these community organisations, they'll pay trips to local producers and free-range farms to source the ingredients for each cook-out, as knowing where their food comes from is key to their cooking.

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## 'Cabinet Secretary should think again over damaging new land tax,' SAYS AM

**A NEW tax on the purchase of land, set to be introduced next week, will be hugely damaging to the local economy South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.**

The Welsh Government's Land Transaction Tax is set to impose a charge of 6 per cent on non-residential sales over £1 million affecting as much as 79 per cent of new commercial developments.

In recent years, the south Wales economy has been boosted by developments, including Cardiff Central Square and Aston Martin in the Vale, but similar deals in future would now be subject to the tax.

The Scottish Government has recently introduced a similar tax of just 4.5 per cent, which has been credited with the renaissance of Scotland's commercial property sector.

The tax in England - at 5 per cent - is also lower than the rate set to

come into force in Wales. Mr Davies has expressed grave concerns at the detrimental impact this would have on attracting investment as well as impeding job creation in the area.

He has written to cabinet secretary for finance, Mark Drakeford, calling on him to think again.

Mr Davies said: "Many in the commercial property sector are deeply worried by the impacts this new tax will have on the local economy."

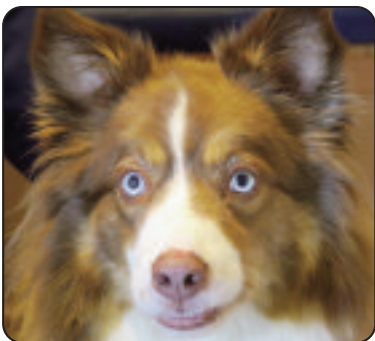
"Developments such as Central Square will revitalise Cardiff - as will Aston Martin in the Vale - but there are fears similar schemes in future could be unviable if investors are put off by the higher tax here."

"We all know the importance of creating jobs in the area, but if we cannot attract investment, this will be increasingly difficult."

"The cabinet secretary needs to think again and scrap the plans to show Wales is open for business."

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# GWCT heralds success of the Big Farmland Bird Count

## A RECORD-breaking number of farmers took part in the fifth successive Big Farmland Bird Count (BFBC).

Results show more than 1,000 farmers recorded 121 species across 950,000 acres during the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT)-led count, which took place between February 9-18.

A total of 25 red-listed species – those most in danger – were recorded, with five appearing in the 25 most commonly seen species list. These include fieldfares, starlings, house sparrows, song thrushes and yellowhammers.

The most plentiful of these were fieldfares and starlings, which were seen on nearly 40

per cent of the farms taking part.

The five most abundant birds spotted were starlings, woodpigeons, fieldfares, rooks and chaffinches. A total of 99,712 were found, making up nearly 50 per cent of the total number of birds recorded – a pattern similar in previous counts.

Organiser of the BFBC, Jim Egan, says he's delighted that more than 1,000 farmers took part this year, and 2,500 different farmers involved since the count began in 2014, is fantastic," said Jim.

"We can also see from the data collated that 50 per cent of farmers have been helping farmland birds in the recent cold snap. This is critical in getting farmland birds, particularly those on the

red list, through the winter so they are fit and healthy to breed in the spring. Our research at the Allerton Project clearly demonstrates the benefits of winter feeding."

Jim also commented: "It's great to know that many farmers will also now be providing insect-rich habitat to help provide for breeding birds through the spring and summer months."

Mike Green, environmental and stewardship manager at BASF, the main sponsor of the BFBC, said: "The Big Farmland Bird Count 2018 has once again shown the interest, skill and passion of farmers to

record the bird biodiversity they support on their farmland, with some in their fifth year of taking part, so very well done to them. This year's data confirms, again, that a wide variety of bird species, including some red-listers, are using the full range of habitats available on farm, and great to see some of those that use gardens being recorded on farms too."

Farmers from every county in England took part and there were also responses from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as 32 farmers from Austria.

Newly-elected National farmers' Union

(NFU) president Minette Batters said: "The event highlights how farmers balance food production and the excellent conservation work being undertaken on farms across the country."

"Over the past four decades, farmers have carried out a huge amount of work to encourage wildlife and are responsible for protecting, maintaining and enhancing 70 per cent of the nation's iconic countryside."

The survey areas included important environmental features such as hedges, woodland ponds, grass margins, ditches and trees. Most survey sites were next to winter

cereals, grassland or overwintered stubbles.

Country Land and Business Association (CLA) vice president Mark Tufnell said: "It is really encouraging that a record number of people took part in this year's count, with more than half being in some form of agri-environment scheme. This demonstrates farmers' ongoing commitment to the environment and shows their interest in

farmland birds. I was very pleased to hear of the sheer variety of birds seen, including a total of 25 red list species."

The BFBC was launched in 2014 to highlight the positive work done by farmers and gamekeepers in helping to reverse the decline in farmland bird numbers. The count offers a simple means of recording the effect of any conservation work currently being

instigated by farmers and gamekeepers on their land.

The GWCT would like to extend its thanks to BASF for sponsoring BFBC, which it delivered in partnership with Farming & Wildlife Advisory Groups Association and LEAF with support from the NFU, the CLA, and Kings.

To view the results in full, visit [www.gwct.org.uk/bfbc](http://www.gwct.org.uk/bfbc).

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## Building society sponsors business awards event

THE South Wales Business Awards is delighted to announce the Swansea Building Society as a sponsor for the 2018 awards.

Swansea Building Society has recently opened a new branch in Cowbridge, and has very quickly become a key part of the community and supporter of local businesses.

Richard Miles – head of savings and area manager (east Wales) said: "We are thrilled to be a sponsor for the 2018 South Wales Business Awards. With the society's newest branch based in Cowbridge, we feel sponsoring these awards is a great way to support the local community while highlighting

our presence in the area.

"We are also pleased to be a part of the judging of the awards, and finding out more about some of the outstanding companies and business people in the area who are making a real difference to the business community and beyond."

The founder of the South Wales Business Awards – Wesley Skene said: "The closing date for applications is Friday, April 27, with nominations announced on Tuesday, May 1. Full details of the awards and a downloadable application pack can be found at

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# Out & About with The GEM

## 'READY PLAYER ONE' IS STEVEN SPIELBERG AT HIS MOST MAJESTIC...

**STEVEN SPIELBERG** is working a pace that should shame most directors. Having only just delivered *The Post* into cinemas, on the back of *The BFG* and *Bridge of Spies*, he's already got a new film ready to go in *Ready Player One*.

Adapted from Ernest Cline's book, and set in 2045, it tells the story of Wade (Tye Sheridan) who, much like the rest of the world's population, escapes the monotony and the harshness of the real world by entering a

virtual universe called the OASIS, where you can do anything you like.

When the OASIS' creator, James Halliday (Mark Rylance) dies, he bequeaths his huge fortune and control of the OASIS to the winner of a competition designed to find a worthy heir. Wade, along with a group of people he befriends through the OASIS, soon find themselves in danger when their progress in the competition draws the attentions of Nolan Sorrento (Ben Mendelsohn), who has his own designs on OASIS...

In 1993, Steven Spielberg achieved an exceptional feat – he

released *Jurassic Park* and *Schindler's List*. The kind of double whammy that most directors struggle to achieve in their careers, Spielberg managed in just a couple of months.

Why is this pertinent? Because while that pair of films are pretty much beyond compare, what Spielberg has done in 2017 isn't far behind, *The Post* was Oscar-nominated and an incredibly well-told story – and *Ready Player One*? Well, this is the sort of bravura, majestic and sweeping film that Spielberg excels at, and it makes for a relentlessly engaging piece of work for the filmmaker.

Having not read

Ernest Cline's book, nor having been overly sold on the trailers, this reviewer didn't head into the film expecting anything more than the sort of film that Spielberg on blockbuster form delivers. What you get instead is a film that is one of the most visually breathtaking efforts in recent memory, and if the plot suffers from being a tad too predictable, you don't mind because of the sumptuous eye candy Spielberg is offering you.

Given that what the OASIS can offer you is determined by the limits of your imagination, anything and everything is on the table. Yet while there is an undeniable thrill of seeing *Back To The Future's* DeLorean being pursued by King Kong, or the Iron Giant heading into battle, this is a film that is far more than just a nostalgia-fuelled trip. Spielberg has



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dabbled with motion-capture before in *The Adventures of Tintin*, but this is a far more futuristic, far edgier excursion into it and he comes up trumps with some superb CGI and action sequences that are so rich in detail that a hundred views would throw up things you didn't realise were there (one sequence in

particular, set inside a classic film, not only takes your breath away in terms of its slavish reconstruction, but also turns into one of the most thrilling escapades).

The plot doesn't wholly convince, riffing on *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* and plays out pretty much how you expect it to, but in fairness this dependable and familiar framework allows Spielberg's imagination and skill to flow, and it helps that the performances impress.

Tye Sheridan (looking every inch like a young Spielberg with his glasses on) is our hero and our window into this world.

Coupled with a tragic backstory, Wade makes for a wholly likeable, sympathetic and engaging lead, while Olivia Cooke's foil has substance to match her sass.

Ben Mendelsohn seems to be attempting to play every villainous

role going, yet here the gifted actor is allowed a strong character to essay, a corporate money-man more concerned with the bottom line than genuine villainy, and the actor delivers in spades.

Surrounding the main cast are the likes of Mark Rylance (showing his class in the small-but-pivotal role of Halliday), Lena Waithe, T J Miller and Hannah John-Kamen, all contributing to the film with good turns of varying size, but always playing their part.

What's most impressive is that this is a film made by a 72-year-old – Spielberg's desire to keep pushing boundaries and testing new technologies results in films like this, large-scale, incredible

mesmerising films that remind you of the visual power of a cinema screen.

*Ready Player One* isn't perfect – but as a slice of popcorn fun, and a film that is visually astounding, it's not that far off.

**VERDICT:** Visually stunning, *Ready Player One* is the sort of majestic, sweeping film that Steven Spielberg does so well. It's a story with heart and emotion to support the visual flourishes, and while the plot is nothing new, it's what Spielberg builds around it that makes this such an exceptional film.

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## TOY & TRAIN SALE COMES TO PENARTH

**THE** regular collector's bonanza reaches Cardiff again shortly when Wales' largest and leading Toy & Train Sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre at Cogan, between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, April 7.

This will be the second such Cardiff event of 2018 but two further dates are already booked for July and October.

Organizer Chris Dyer commented: "Our venue at Cogan is ideal for a toy & train sale being large, easily accessed from all areas and most importantly, has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door and many of our customers make the most of the very frequent and reasonable train services, from so many departure points.

"We now offer in excess of 120 tables at the Cardiff show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK with the stock on offer, old and new, being quite unbeatable in quality & quantity, as well as being wonderful value-for-money with prices to suit all pockets.

"The Cardiff show is now firmly established

on the national scene and traders travel from as far away as the north east of England, east Anglia and Cornwall as well of course, from closer to home.

"The show is always fully-booked with traders weeks prior and indeed, the following event, in July, is already almost completely full".

Traders present on the day will be buying as well as selling and exchanging, and will also happily offer free valuations on a wide range of toy and train

related items and without any obligation; they welcome items being brought in for cash or exchange, so do raid your attic, dust-off your treasures and bring them along!

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The Heritage Centre, or museum as it was formerly known, was popular with visitors of all ages, but, had to close while the development work on the site was taking place.

Deputy Chief Constable Richard Lewis said: "Those who have had the opportunity to visit our museum before, will already be aware of the fascinating collection it holds, and how those items help us create a better understanding of the organisation and to tell the stories of its heritage throughout the decades.

"A history and heritage we are proud to share with our communities.

"It is in the telling of those stories that we hope to bring the history of policing in South Wales back to life.

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*The Heritage Centre was formed in 1969 out of the Glamorgan Police Museum which was established in 1950 by Deputy Chief Constable Edward Ronald Baker, OBE, QPM, LLB. He is pictured (above) as a serving Inspector with his wife.*

has a fascinating history going back over many years, which includes the story of how our predecessor forces came together, creating the force we are today.

"When visiting the Heritage Centre, the thing that always strikes me most is the sense of just how much things have changed in a relatively short space of time, even since I first joined the force.

"That is particularly true when you compare the technology we are

using today to that we were using only a few years ago. Keeping that record of who we are and where we've been, is extremely important to us as it not only provides an opportunity for us to learn about those who came before us, but also to showcase and celebrate just how far we've come as an organisation.

"You will not have to look very far before you find some truly astonishing examples of leadership, loyalty,

selflessness and bravery. The remarkable stories of the WW1 policemen, who gave their lives for their country are a perfect example."

The galleries contain a range of artefacts, including police equipment and uniforms from years gone by, together with items like handcuffs, radios and 19th Century decorated truncheons.

There is also a charge room to book people into custody, as well as a cell for any of our law-breaking guests.

The museum is free to visit, but must be booked in advance. Send an email to [policemuseum@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:policemuseum@south-wales.pnn.police.uk) saying when and what time you would like to visit.

You will then get an email back to confirm details. Alternatively please call 01656 766855 and leave a message.

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*Some of the exhibits.*



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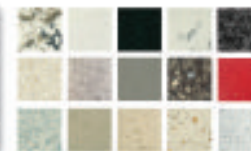
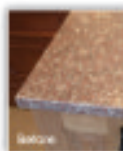
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Of all the popular summer fruits, strawberries are one of the easiest to grow in containers and you can grow them on a patio, balcony, windowsill or even in a hanging basket.

Strawberries are compact plants, so even gardeners with limited space can have a few pots on the go positioned close to the kitchen or outdoor seating area for convenience. By growing them in pots you can provide strawberries with the perfect conditions – rich, fertile, well draining soil in a sunny position and as they are growing off the ground they are less likely to suffer from disease or damage by pests.

There are two types of strawberries you can go for – summer-fruiting varieties or perpetual strawberries. Summer-fruiting are the largest and most popular. They have a short but heavy cropping period over two to three weeks any time from early to mid-

summer.

Perpetual strawberries produce smaller crops of fruits from early summer to early autumn. The crops are not as heavy as the summer-fruiting ones and the fruits are smaller in size.

You can grow strawberries in a variety of different containers, but the advantage of growing them in a strawberry planter – an urn shaped pot with pocket holes down the side – is that they look attractive, a good sized pot holds a fair number of plants and they produce the highest yield.

You will need one plant per side opening and three or four for the top (if you are growing strawberries in an ordinary container then just three or four plants will do). Fill the bottom of the pot with compost that contains a slow release fertiliser and continue to fill the container as you plug each hole with a strawberry plant, lightly patting the plant into the soil as you fill. Finish off your strawberry planter with the three to four plants on top.

Make sure your containers get at least six to eight hours of sun so that you will get plenty

of flowers and fruits and if the sunlight is coming from only one direction, rotate the container every three to four days if possible.

Water your strawberries whenever the soil feels dry about an inch below the surface, and when there are long periods of hot, dry weather you may need to water daily.

If pots and containers are just part of your outside space then here are some gardening tips for this month from the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society).

1. Tie back climbing and rambling roses;
2. Keep an eye out for pests and keep weeds under control;
3. Start feeding plants in the garden from now to the end of the summer;
4. Sow seeds directly into the soil so they can flower in the summer;
5. Sow vegetable seeds directly into prepared beds;
6. Plant summer flowering bulbs;
7. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches;
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## PLANNING THOSE GARDEN JOBS...

**T**HERE are a few jobs you can do to help maintain your garden ready for the arrival of the warmer months.

Still not convinced that you should be venturing outside to inspect the damage wrought by Storm Emma and The Beast From The East?

Perhaps better to pop on the kettle, put your feet up and plan the jobs to do as you make yourself another brew with this timely advice from NHBC, one of the

UK's warranty and insurance providers for new homes.

Planting trees and shrubs creates a more attractive garden, and is a great way to fill a gap, provide privacy and screen sights and sounds from next door.

But before you get carried away, remember that roots often extend to distances in excess of the height of the tree and they can take moisture from the soil. So before you start planting, here are some practical tips to help reduce the risk of potential damage and help you prepare your

garden for Spring:

If the soil is clay, new planting may cause it to shrink, while removing existing trees and shrubs may make it swell. Therefore, plant new trees away from your home. Find out how tall the mature tree will be and make sure it is positioned by a factor of at least 1.25 of this measurement from the house.

If you're planning to grow your own fruit, order your fruit trees now ready for planting in the spring and continue planting trees and shrubs while they are still

dormant.

If you have any slimy patches on your paving and patio, remove them by scrubbing with a broom or blasting with a pressure washer. Also, wash empty pots by scrubbing them with hot water and a mild detergent before rinsing them well afterwards.

Avoid planting climbers such as ivy and Virginia Creeper against house walls, as they hold on using suckers, twining tendrils or aerial roots which could damage mortar and may cause damp. Plant these at least three metres (10 feet in old money) away from your home.

Before cutting down or pruning a mature tree, check with your local authority to make sure that it is not protected by planning conditions, conservation area restrictions or a Tree Preservation Order.

Allow enough room for trunks and large roots to grow safely. Be particularly careful if planting near drains or lightweight structures.

Although you do not need to, when planting new trees in your garden that will also be near your neighbour's house, be considerate and ask your neighbour if this is okay, as you could be liable for the cost of repair if the

trees you plant cause damage to their home.

Regular pruning of fast growing, thirsty trees such as Leyland Cypress, will help to reduce the amount of water taken from the soil.

If you haven't one already, consider purchasing a water butt ready for the summer.

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# NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



Year-9 'In it to win it' winners.



Year-7 'In it to be in it' winners.



Year-8 'In it to win it' winners.

AT the end of another busy term, Barry Comprehensive School held the spring 'In It To Win It' draw with a range of fantastic prizes awarded to students for excellence in attendance, attitudes to learning and academic success.

Students collected their tickets throughout the term in the knowledge that the more tickets accumulated, the more chances there are to win a prize.

With all students having at least one ticket, everyone was excited for the draw. The hall and gym were filled with ticket holders because attendance is required to be able to claim a prize. If you are not in, you cannot win!

The next draw at the end of the summer term will be the final 'In It To Win It' before Barry Comprehensive School closes its doors for the last time.

Even so, the message to students remains the same, keep working hard, keep attendance high and keep collecting those tickets.

## Groups can benefit from new grant aid

**COMMUNITIES, social enterprises and groups across the Vale will benefit from a new pot of funding, thanks to a new grant fund from the Vale Council.**

The fund is designed to support income generation and sustainable projects.

A total of £672,000 is being made available over three years through the Strong Communities Grant Fund, £60,000 of which is provided by the Waterloo Foundation and the remainder by the council.

The fund's evaluation panel is made up of the council's leader, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, together with external partners such as Waterloo, NRW, GVS, and town and community councils.

It met for the second time this month and a total of 23 projects have been supported to date.

Projects to receive money include Cowbridge Charter Trust for its Old Hall Gardens restoration project.

The Gibby Green Fingers group will receive support for a sensory garden, education centre and to pay for sensory and mobility equipment.

Groups in Sully and Rhosce will receive funding to purchase cinema equipment. A lunch club has also been supported in St Athan.

Cllr John Thomas, leader of the council, said: "The council recognises this vital role that community-led organisations, social enterprises and

town and community councils play in the Vale.

"We know that if we are to fulfil our ambition of building stronger communities with brighter futures, then we will have to work hand in hand.

The Strong Communities Grant Fund was established to allow us to do just that.

"The quality of the schemes seen in these early applications is a testament to both the groups themselves and the support they have received from the council's economic development team. The success of this partnership working bodes very well for the future."

The council has committed £162,000 of annual funding for three years from 2017/18. The Strong Communities Grant Fund can also access section 106 funding, if it is found to be appropriate.

The purpose of the Strong Communities Fund is to enable community groups, the voluntary sector and town and community councils to apply funding for initiatives that reduce their reliance on grant funding and support the council's reshaping services agenda. Groups can apply for capital and revenue funding.

The window for applications for the next round of funding is open until August 3. More information can be found at <http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/workin/g/Business-Support/Strong-Communities-Grant.aspx>

### GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 1) 2018

1. Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwaredu'r manau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf. IF848) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 27 Ebrill 2018 a rhaid cynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

3. Rhoddir gwybod i unrhyw un sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yn sgil Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, fod rhwymedigaeth gyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn i alluogi'r cyhoedd i archwilio unrhyw sylwadau sy'n dod i law am y Gorchymyn a gynigir.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

**Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013**

#### ATOLDEN 1

**Cynnig i Dynnu Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl**

**Stryd y Castell, y Barri (34) (AX49)**

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 32 a 34 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5.3 metr.

**St Marys Avenue, y Barri, (66 a 98) (AW53)**

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 66 a 68 tua'r de-orllewin am 5 metr. Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 96 a 98 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

**Vale Street, y Barri (35 a 48) (AX49)**

Ar ochr y de, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 33 a 35 tua'r gorllewin am 5 metr. Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 46 a 48 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

**Dock Street, Penarth (23) (AI63)**

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 22 a 23 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

#### ATOLDEN 2

Tynnu'r man parcio i bobl anabl presennol gan roi Man Aros Cyfyngedig dydd Llun i Sadwrn 8am tan 6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio Deiliad Trwydded i Breswylwyr yn ei le.

**Lower Morel Street, y Barri (27) (AV53)**

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 25 a 27 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

**Pyke Street, y Barri (28) (AU52)**

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 27 a 28 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

**Dyddiedig 5 Ebrill 2018**

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,  
Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2018

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order to remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in the Schedules below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF848) in writing by 27th April 2018 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

**Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013**

#### SCHEDULE 1

Proposed Revocation of Disabled Persons Parking Places

**Castle Street, Barry (34) (AX49)**

On its north east side from the boundary line between property numbers 32 and 34 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5.3 metres.

**St Marys Avenue, Barry (66 and 98) (AX53)**

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 66 and 68 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 96 and 98 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

**Vale Street, Barry (35 and 48) (AX49)**

On the south side from the boundary line of property numbers 33 and 35 in a westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 46 and 48 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

**Dock Street, Penarth (23) (AI63)**

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 22 and 23 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

#### SCHEDULE 2

Revoke the existing disabled persons parking place and replace with Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders.

**Lower Morel Street, Barry (27) (AV53)**

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 25 and 27 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

**Pyke Street, Barry (28) (AU52)**

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 27 and 28 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

**Dated this 5th day of April 2018**

Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.





## Energie Fitness is opening in Bridgend



An architect's rendering of the 'Yard' at Energie Fitness.

**ONE** of the biggest fitness franchises in the UK, Energie Fitness, has confirmed it is opening an 8,000-square-foot gym in Bridgend in May this year.

The locally-owned and managed club will create 10 jobs from personal trainers to housekeeping roles, and give people in Bridgend low-cost access to first-class fitness facilities.

It will be sited in Bridgend Shopping Centre on Brackla Street, a short walk from Asda, Aldi, and the town centre, as well as nearby car parks.

Energie Fitness will feature state-of-the-art fitness equipment, training zones, 40+ classes a week and, said club manager, Harry Goding "...a unique personal service to help people achieve their fitness goals and aspirations".

The gym will feature a studio called the 'Yard', which is unique to the Energie Group. The Yard consists of a circuit-based studio with punch

bags, an 'A' frame for body weight exercises, as well as a sprint track, boxing zone, and a separate studio dedicated to spin, yoga, and Pilates classes.

It will also have a free weights area, cardiovascular equipment, Olympic Lifting Platform, and MyZone heart-rate system.

Mr Goding continued: "One of our key strengths will be how we make the member feel and to ensure they get the most from their experience with us."

"When a member walks in, they will be greeted by a friendly smile and that person will know the member by their name and, over time, what their own individual goal is."

"That's the level of personal service we aim to achieve."

For more information about Energie Fitness, including opening membership offers, visit [www.energiefitness.com/bridgend](http://www.energiefitness.com/bridgend), call 07398 113583, or email [bridgend@energiefitness.com](mailto:bridgend@energiefitness.com).

## Country Inn's cakes for charity

**THE Golden Mile Country Inn, Corntown, is hosting an event in aid of the charity 'Stand Up To Cancer' on Monday, April 9, midday to 2pm.**

Patisserie chef Kathryn will be making delicious cakes to raise funds for the charity. Complimentary tea or coffee will be provided to

accompany the cakes you have just bought.

You can have your cake (and eat it) in the pub – or buy some to take home. All donations will be given to the Stand Up To Cancer charity. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation – please go to the Just Giving Page via the following link - <https://fundraise.cancerrsearchuk.org/page/kath>

## Orchid fans in for a treat!

**THERE** was the Christmas break. Then there was the post-Christmas lunch. The annual general meeting followed.

Then, in March, adverse weather conditions forced the cancellation of the planned meeting.

I would like to welcome members and anyone who would like

to join us to a talk on cool orchids given by our chairman Tony Cumming, which will be on Saturday, April 7 at the Old School Hall Sully at 2pm.

So, if you are interested in orchids and wish to know more, you are welcome to come and join us.

Everybody is welcome. **Liz Britton-Cumming, Secretary**

## Craft fair in Barry

**UNFORTUNATELY**, Enfs Craft Fair was cancelled on March 3 because of the snow, but the next is on Saturday, April 7, from 10am until 4pm at St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

There's a wide choice of gifts available, and Ann's kitchen has been adding new mouth-watering dishes to her menu.

The April charity raffle will be for the TAVS Centre in Roath, Cardiff.

The next craft fair will be held on Saturday May 5.

For more information about the fair please contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784. **BW**

## Progress made on White Farm

**BUILDING developer Persimmon has agreed to carry out improvements to the White Farm estate following talks with the Vale's MP Alun Cairns and local councillors.**

Residents had approached Mr Cairns and councillors to express their concerns regarding the poor state of roads and pavements.

They claimed that since 2013, there had been numerous issues regarding the standard of roads, gardens flooding, and a surface depression on the main access road.

Residents also complained of crumbling roads, speed bumps, and a lack of road signs, dog bins and children's play areas on the estate.

Mr Cairns liaised with local councillors Leighton Rowlands and Vincent Bailey, and Persimmon to resolve the issues.

The developer has now agreed to take responsibility for any highway defects around the estate and make all the necessary repairs including the surface problem on the access road.

Mr Cairns said: "A number of residents from White Farm have raised concerns not only with me, but also Dyfan councillors Leighton Rowlands and Vincent Bailey."

"It's important that when homeowners purchase their home, they don't have to worry about issues like these that are not their responsibility."

"The roads around White Farm remain under the ownership of Persimmon and the maintenance of the road is still their responsibility."

"That's why we approached Persimmon and worked with them on the improvements that needed to be done and I'm happy that they have agreed to do this and will start work in the near future."

In a letter to White Farm residents, Dyfan councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands said: "It's a relief to see Persimmon giving ground at last and we are grateful to Alun Cairns for mediating these talks."

Persimmon will advise residents and Mr Cairns soon on the completion date for the works.



Alun Cairns (centre) at White Farm with councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands.

## GlastonBARRY weekend opened by Toploader



Toploader will perform in Barry in July.

**L O C A L** impresarios **Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg** pledged that **2018 would be their most ambitious GlastonBARRY event yet and they have backed up the boast by booking top band Toploader.**

Ross told THE GEM: "We're delighted to announce that on Friday, July 27, 90s icons Toploader will be in Barry."

"Since exploding onto the scene shortly after forming in 1997, the Brits nominated band have had over two million album sales to

their name and a string of top 20 hits both at home and abroad.

"They never fail to please crowds and have backed the likes of Robbie Williams and Tom Jones everywhere from Wembley Stadium to Glastonbury. Now they are playing at GlastonBARRY!"

Those with a GlastonBARRY VIP ticket get in free, but tickets are available for the evening at £10.

Sponsors of the event include Barry Training Services, Ruckleys and Brains Brewery. For ticket information, go to: [www.glastonbarry.com](http://www.glastonbarry.com); or call the box office at 01446 737339. **TC**

## Take note of April skies

**ASTRONOMY CORNER BY DAVE POWELL OF BARRY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

**IN April, the Plough will be overhead and the two stars known as the 'pointers' show where the Pole star lies; strangely enough it lies below the pointers, roughly half way towards the northern horizon.**

But let us look at the handle of the Plough. After the top right-hand star of the bowl we find three stars that form the 'handle'. Look carefully at the middle star, you should see two stars close together.

These are called Mizar and Alcor – this is a good example of a double star. If you can only see one, use binoculars and you will be able to see the two stars clearly. This is a system where the two stars orbit each other.

In fact, with the aid of binoculars you may now see a third, fainter star between the two components, sometimes known as 'Ludwig's' star. We may also use

the end star of the handle to locate other constellations.

Follow a curved imaginary line down towards the south-eastern horizon and you will spot a bright orange star called Arcturus, the brightest star of the constellation of Bootes. Continue the curve towards the eastern horizon and another bright star, Spica, will be seen.

Spica is the brightest star of the constellation Virgo. The Moon lies to one side of Spica on April 1.

Directly below the Plough looking south we find Leo the Lion, the brightest portion of this constellation looking like a backwards facing question mark. Its full stop is covered by the bright star Regulus. The Moon is very close to this star on April 24.

Another target this month is finding the giant planet Jupiter. By the middle of the month it should be visible close

to the south eastern horizon.

If you have a pair of binoculars you will see its four bright Moons: Io, Callisto, Europa, and Ganymede. They will look like faint stars and if you check each night you will find them in different positions, relative to the planet. Sometimes two or three on one side of Jupiter and another on its other side.

A telescope will show you some detail on the planet, for example its two brightest cloud belts will appear as two dark lines. In the late evening of April 2 the Moon lies above the planet and on April 30 the full Moon lies close by.

Finally, on April 22 look in the evening sky – you may be lucky enough to spot some Lyrid meteors.

Do check our website [www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com](http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com) for details of our observing sessions.

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**34 YR M4 AT YR A48 SYCAMORE CROSS**  
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## A listening ear and specialist expertise makes Jill a leader in her field

**MEET Jill Bulteel, a director and head of Family in south east Wales for JCP Solicitors.**

A Senior Practitioner, Jill specialises in divorce, financial and care proceedings, and the Children's Act.

She is a member of the Law Society Children Panel, an Advanced Member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel, and a member of Resolution, a code of conduct for family law specialists, ensuring the highest possible standards are maintained.

How long have you worked for JCP Solicitors?

I've been a qualified solicitor for 20 years, working as a partner in Glamorgan Law during the past seven years before we merged with JCP Solicitors in 2017.

The merger has brought about positive changes because the company is now much bigger, giving us many more specialists within



our wider 'family' of legal experts we can turn to for expertise.

Even though the business is larger, the focus is still very much on the client and delivery of a comprehensive service. I very much respect the fact that JCP Solicitors places great value on being an integral part of the communities it serves.

What is the most satisfying aspect of working in Family Law?

People come to a family solicitor at times of emotional upheaval. They may be going

through a separation and feel their financial future, their home or their business is at risk, they may be dealing with a thorny family dispute, or an issue over the care of a child.

During those initial meetings, you see people at their lowest ebb emotionally. Being able to support them to get a resolution that puts them on a stable footing for the future is very satisfying.

How do you put a client at ease when they are consulting you during a particularly tough time their lives?

I listen carefully. When people can see they are being listened to they relax and gain confidence in my ability to help them. I do all I can to establish a rapport so we can work

towards viable solutions together.

You work out of the Cowbridge office for much of your working week. What's your favourite spot in Cowbridge?

Cowbridge has a community feel and a unique character because of its independent traders. I particularly like Strawberry Fields, for its fresh fruit and veg, and I'm fan of the Sunday lunch at the Penny Farthing.

What do you do in your spare time?

My family and I spend a lot of time in our boots, walking in Brecon. Law can be stressful and getting out into nature with my family, enjoying big skies, fresh air and wildlife is a joy.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**  
News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

### Vestry restoration

**FRIENDS of Saron Chapel are in the process of securing grants to complete the restoration project.**

The fully-restored vestry will have a new toilet, a small kitchen, and an internal staircase leading to a meeting room.

This could be used for coffee mornings, mother and toddler groups, and a host of other activities.

### Lottery winners

**LUCKY winners in 2017 were as follows:**

April – Glyn Jones, Martyn Jones and Maria Summer.

August – Donald Groom, Eleanor Roberts and Colin David.

December – Tricia Salmon, Nancy Williams and Jill Ham.

The lottery fund, together with other fundraising activities, pays for the running costs of Saron Chapel.

## What's on and where

### Open church

**ON Sunday, April 8 there will be an open afternoon at Llanblethian Church 2pm-4pm.**

The church will be full of Easter flowers, and there will be a display of family christening robes with tea and cakes for all. There is no charge for entry and all are very welcome.

For further details, contact Peter Davies (Llanblethian church secretary), telephone 01446 775211.

### Mediumship demonstration

**A DEMONSTRATION of mediumship takes place at Barry National Spiritualist Centre, Buttrills Road, Barry CF638EF on Monday, April 9 at 7pm with Moya O'Dwyer. Doors open at 6.30pm, cost £5.**

**Barnardo's group The Barry Barnardo's Helper Group are having a spring fashion show and tea at the St Francis Millennium**

**Hall, Barry, to raise ON Sunday, April 8 funds for Barnardo's projects in Wales.**

The event takes place on Saturday, April 28 at 2.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and available from Nans Binding, who can be contacted on 01446 734083. All are welcome.

### Art exhibition

**LINDA JOHNS has opened her exhibition of drawings and paintings on the theme of 'Water' at the Travellers Gallery in the Mind Cafe at Barry Station. The show runs Monday to Friday from 7am to 12 noon until May 4.**

**Cowbridge U3A** THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Nature with a camera' by Richard Marks, at 2pm on Wednesday, April 11 in Cowbridge town Hall.

Visitors welcome. There is a small fee which includes refreshments. See www.u3sites.org.uk/cowbridge.



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[www.malmohearing.co.uk](http://www.malmohearing.co.uk)



## Ableworld launches its own magazine

**HOLD the front page... Ableworld magazine is on its way.**

Some of the most successful publications with the largest circulations and readerships are actually customer magazines, provided by companies that understand the importance of staying close to their customer bases.

Now the UK's leading retailer of mobility equipment, Ableworld, is launching its own customer magazine which will be available free of charge in 34 stores around the UK and online.

Titled *independence*, the magazine will provide readers with a variety of articles, news and views which marketing manager Michelle Mossford believes will provide useful advice.

She said: "Unlike many company newsletters and magazines, *independence* is about our customers and potential customers, not ourselves."

"The majority of the content is aimed at providing interesting and useful reading for the thousands of people who already shop with us and all those who visit our website and stores for the first time."

Ableworld will be looking to support its



suppliers too as Michelle added: "We are keen to work with our suppliers to give them and their products exposure in the magazine. In the first issue we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of one of our suppliers and running a competition in conjunction with another."

Michelle says that the company is also keen to hear from organisations, charities and companies that have services and products that the Ableworld magazine readers would find interesting and useful.

The magazine, which is scheduled to appear quarterly initially, will be available to pick up from all 34 stores nationwide by mid-April.

The magazine will also be available to read online and will be found on the home page of the Ableworld website.

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## Men's forum enjoys historic tour

**AT this week's meeting, members of Barry Men's Forum were entertained by Aldon Grisdale the local historian and proprietor of Copy It, on Holton Road, Barry.**

The meeting was based on the theme of a walk around Barry starting and returning in an anti-clockwise direction.

Aldon began with how the town of Barry was created in the late 19th century from the merger of the settlements of Merthyr Dyfan, Cadoxton and Barry, due to the growth of the South Wales coalfield.

He then delved into the little-known history of Porthkerry and the Roman settlement at Cold Knap, followed by a tour of Barry Island which focused on the ruins of a chapel dedicated to St Baruc, then onto Barry Docks.

This was followed by a tour of Cadoxton, listing places of great interest such as the ancient church dedicated to St Cadoc, known by locals as the Old Village Church, before a brief history of Cassy Common and the old Court and its Dove Cot on Mount Pleasant, one of only three known examples in Wales.

Unfortunately very little is recorded of early Welsh history. In England they have the Domesday Book of 1086 created by King William (the Conqueror).

The talk ended with a tour of Merthyr Dyfan and the historic church of St Dyfan and St Teilo in Merthyr Dyfan Lane. This church is on one of the oldest Christian sites in Britain.

Barry Men's Forum meets every Thursday at Holy Trinity Church in the hall on Aberystwyth Crescent, at 10am for refreshments prior to a speaker. Next week it will be presented by Brian Trego, whose subject is 'Marrakesh to the Sahara.'

Further information can be obtained from Mac Tanner on Barry 01446 743455. New members are always welcome and it is 50 years since this organisation was founded.



## A Barry welcome for the RAF 100 token – and then it's on to Porthcawl!

IN 2018 the Royal Air Force will be 100 years old, having been formed on April 1, 1918 through the amalgamation of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps; the first commander of the new organisation was Major General Hugh Trenchard.

The Wales, Midland and south western area of the Royal Air Forces Association, the charity that supports the RAF family, is marking this auspicious anniversary throughout 2018 and the Barry branch will be taking part.

Tokens representing the three founding components of the RAF are travelling from branch to branch throughout Wales, the Midlands and the south west and the token representing the RFC will be arriving from Penarth, carried by the Penarth ATC cadets, via the coastal path to the Captain's Wife in Swanbridge; then on to the Sully Sports and

Social Club at around midday on April 14.

Here it will be handed on to members of the Barry RAFA branch and cadets of 372 ATC Barry and brought to King Square, Barry on an open top bus to be received by both Vale and Town Mayors.

During its stay in Barry it will be on display at the Barry library, together with a photo display of the history of the RAF.

On April 22 at 2pm a church service at St Mary's Church will be held to bless the token and to recognise the Barry branch 80th anniversary (Barry being the oldest branch in Wales, formed at the time of MOD St Athan being built in 1938; which is also celebrating its 80th anniversary).

At 12.30pm on April 24 the token will be handed over by the Vale and Barry Mayors to the RNLI Barry, who will take it by sea to Nash

point where Porthcawl RNLI will receive it and take to Porthcawl RAFA.

Here it will be met by the RAFA Porthcawl branch and transported to RAF Stormy Down for the official handover from the Barry branch.

Members of the Barry branch would like to welcome as many guests as possible to join us at either the arrival or departure of the token and at the church service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the RAF and 80th anniversary of RAFA Barry, or to find out about the great work that the Royal Air Forces Association does in support of all members of the RAF family – from the newest recruit right through to our oldest veteran, their spouses and dependent children. We look forward to seeing you.

**Howard Provis,  
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## South-east Wales jobs forecast increases 'due to region city deal'

**EMPLOYMENT in south east Wales is set to increase by more than 29,000 jobs between 2014 and 2024, according to figures highlighted in Careers Wales' Spotlight on South East Wales.**

The national information advice and guidance service has launched its Spotlight on South East Wales at an event in Lliswerry High School in Newport.

The Spotlight report –

an online resource and professional services, construction and human foundational economy (which includes health, social care and education).

The finance and insurance sector is likely to have the greatest percentage growth of around 19.5 per cent.

A key theme throughout the report is the rising demand for digital skills across all sectors. According to the Spotlight, more than 1,000 new growth jobs in the ICT sector are forecast by 2024 for the

region. The report states that new technology, such as artificial intelligence, driverless vehicles, 3D printing, robotics and automation will also continue to change the future of work and skills.

While there a number of factors that will contribute to the growth in these sectors, the report identifies three contributory factors. The Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, a £1.2 billion investment in south east Wales, is expected to provide up to 25,000 new jobs within the region.

The compound semiconductor foundry in Newport is also likely to create 2,000 jobs for the region, and hundreds of manufacturing jobs are expected to be created by the Aston Martin project in St Athan.

Findings from the data also identified a number of skills gaps, from job-specific skills, to softer employment skills including problem-solving, time management, customer handling and team working.

Graham Bowd, chief executive at Careers Wales, said: "Our Spotlight on South East Wales clearly demonstrates how the region is experiencing, and will continue to experience, significant growth. The investment

into the area by companies such as Aston Martin provides a huge boost to employment opportunities, and it's positive to see such flagship companies demonstrating confidence to invest in the area.

"With new technology continuing to change the way in which we work, it is clear the demand for IT and digital skills will only continue to rise.

"It is encouraging to see that the predicted growth will be across a range of different sectors. The spotlight also suggests that the number of apprenticeships available will be significant in south east Wales."

LSKIP is working closely with employers to help identify the region's most significant areas of growth and recognises that teaching secondary school pupils about the skill gaps in their region is a vital part of future workforce planning, so that they can be better equipped and prepared for employment opportunities in areas of high demand once they leave full-time education.

For more statistics from Careers Wales' Spotlight on South East Wales, visit [careerswales.com/spotlightonsoutheastwales](http://careerswales.com/spotlightonsoutheastwales).

**Jodie Phillips**

## Flybe takes off for Venice this summer

**FLYBE has started operating its 2018 summer schedule from Cardiff Airport, featuring 17 routes with a total choice of up to 75 flights a week.**

The start of the summer season took off with the launch of the first ever service between Cardiff and Venice; the inaugural flight took off from Cardiff on March 27.

To mark the occasion, Cardiff Airport surprised passengers with a celebration at the departure gate featuring popular Welsh artist Nathan Wyburn, who created a stunning Venetian mask live in the terminal.

On arrival in Venice, Paul Willoughby, Flybe regional sales manager presented friends at Venice Airport with a commemorative gift made out of traditional Welsh slate to

celebrate the inaugural returning flight. Venice is the airline's fourth Italian route from Cardiff.

Roy Kinnear, Flybe's chief commercial officer, commented: "We are delighted to include yet another new route to Italy from our Cardiff base this summer and look forward to welcoming many new passengers on board."

Deb Barber, chief executive officer of Cardiff Airport, added: "It's been a hugely exciting day with a great buzz in the terminal. What a great way to mark the start of Flybe's third summer season at Wales' national airport!"

Flybe's franchise partners Eastern Airways and Blue Islands have also started operating their new summer schedules with a further four routes. Details of full schedule now available for booking at [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com).



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Ben will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Monday, 23rd April, service at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to Brain Tumour Research c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoe, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

### CHURCHILL

#### Mandy

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(née Hallett)

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### COOMBES

#### Frances Elizabeth

Peacefully with dignity at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, on 28th March, Frances, dearly beloved wife of the late Jim. Devoted mother of Christine, cherished grandmother of Rhian, Eliza and Vaughn.

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### HOPKINS

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### VICKER

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### THOMAS

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#### Ernest Keith

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## Vale Karate land club championship title!



**VALE Karate, based at Barry Leisure Centre, were once again crowned club champions at the finals of this season's Welsh Karate League last weekend.**

Merthyr Leisure Centre was the venue on Sunday, March 25, when the current season came to a dramatic conclusion.

At one point, towards the end of a busy day, and with only a few categories remaining, Vale Karate, who had led the medal table all season, were one gold medal behind the combined ESKU/GKR English squad, who had joined forces to attempt win the championship.

However Vale Karate coaches Leah Copeland, Luke Howard and Kee Wong, all competing, had other ideas as they swung the pendulum Vale's way with comfortable wins in the ladies, men's and adult team Kumite events to leave Vale with a season's tally of 59 gold medals, at the top of the medal table for the sixth successive season!

Bradley James was Vale's first champion, taking the first place trophy in the under-14 Special Needs category for the third successive year!

His great win was one of nine that Vale won this season.

Starting the season last March, not long after his fifth birthday, Jakob Bartush, now six, secured the 'Champion of Champions' trophy in

the under-8 boys Kata event with a bronze medal, his sixth medal of the season, a tally that included two golds.

Seven-year-old Angel Manayani, four times a gold medalist this season, was under-8 girls champion and Amelie Fisher led a Vale 1-2-3 in the under-10 mixed Novice Kata ahead of Elle-Mai Lee and Jack Eustace. Elle-Mai also won third place in the Kumite.

Ellie-Jayne Farrugia was under-12 girls Advanced Kata Champion with Vale's double WUKF European Champion Chiara Baker, a multiple Champion of Champions over previous seasons, a comfortable winner of the under-14 Kata trophy, also adding the third place Kumite trophy.

Josh Davies, celebrating his 16th birthday, didn't contest the under-16 boys Kumite, but had done enough this season to secure the champions trophy. In his place, club-mate Chris Slack won the under-16 Kumite gold medal, securing a third place overall finish in the process.

Sarah Morgan, absent due to illness, was ladies veteran Kata champion, and Leah Copeland was ladies Kumite Champion of Champions, despite only entering three times this season as she was concentrating on her coaching duties.

Vale Karate have no time to kick back as the new season starts again in earnest in April.



## News from Seaview Lads

**FISHING remains lean with few fish being landed.**

We had one competition where not a single fish was weighed in! Those fish that have been caught have mostly been tiddlers.

Thankfully, anglers have digital scales that can record weights in grams and fractions of an ounce, since a quarter ounce has been all that has separated placings at times!

When the club was established 40 years ago, nobody would have believed that things would have become so bad!

The lads that went to the Canary Islands were rewarded with some excellent fish however, the size and quality of which we will never see off our shores.

The keenly-fished doubles competition after three legs is a close run thing with only 4lb separating first from last places - perhaps this coming weekend will change that.

Club members carried on fishing local marks regardless of the lack of fish, showing a gritty determination to keeping

local angling shops in business and supporting the local economy.

Mickey Langford has continued to dominate the places including two cod and a bass in his recent catches, a remarkable feat given their scarcity!

At least the social side of the club looks healthy with several trips coming up in the next couple of months and plenty more in the pipeline.

This should give members plenty of opportunities to drown their sorrows!

**Results: March 21 - 1st M Langford, 2nd P Coles; March 11 - 1st M Langford 6lb 6oz, 2nd S Davies 13oz, 3rd P Coles 1oz; February 25 - All anglers blanked; February 18 - 1st M Langford 3lb 15oz; February 11 - 1st J Gallivan 4lb 4oz, 2nd A Harris 10.5oz, 3rd A Kernacki 9oz, 4th G Spiteri 2.5oz, 5th P Coles 2.25oz; February 4 - 1st A Kernacki 1lb 10oz, 2nd A Harris 10.25oz, 3rd K Salih 8oz, 4th G Spiteri 2oz.**

JC

## Bridgend Athletic set to host young rugby tournament

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC mini and junior sections hold their annual rugby tournament at Bryntirion School this Sunday, April 8, commencing 10am.**

Spectators are very welcome to attend and view the young talent on display from all over Wales.

British Lions Lee Byrne and Rhys Webb started in the Athletic mini and junior teams, as did Welsh internationals Josh Navidi, Scott Baldwin, Matthew Morgan and a host of other Welsh age group and regional players.

Maybe the next crop of Welsh internationals will be on view.

AB

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## NEW FOOTBALL TEAM FORMED IN ST ATHAN



The Saints has formed a new football team for youngsters in the village.

A NEW football team has been formed for youngsters in St Athan who are aged around 10 years of age.

Lisa Austin told The GEM: "With no football taking place for children roughly 10-years-old, we have now made a start in St Athan as part of the The Saints project 'Learn, Grow, Play

Together'.

"The team has been set up as a positive environment in which all the children can learn about the game and become active and enjoy themselves.

"The project is a positive community initiative and we will be working hard to promote it and get sponsorship for the children.

"It is great to see some new sport back in the area."

## Barry Athletic bowlers are thrilled with renewed sponsorship deal



James and Gordon Mason have renewed their sponsorship with Barry Athletic Bowling Club.

Barry Athletic Bowling Club is delighted to be renewing its sponsorship with Mason's Self Storage for the new season.

The sponsorship provided by the local, family-run company will allow the club to provide embroidered playing jackets to all club members for the coming

season.

Club chairman Richard Bowen said: "The club were delighted with the financial support from the Mason family last season and their generous support of our club.

"The funding has allowed us to provide real tangible benefits for all our members and also allowed us to develop the club in the way that we want.

"The support from local businesses helps our club to grow and provide facilities that can benefit the whole community."

James Mason said: "We are delighted to support Barry Athletic Bowling Club for a second year running. It is part of our initiative to support sport in the Vale and we are excited to be part of the growth and success of the club in 2018."

It promises to be a busy season on the green in 2018 for the famous Barry club.

As well as a rigorous league season to look forward to, there will be plenty of additional fixtures and events to whet the appetite of players and members alike.

The first team squad will be looking to bounce back to the top division this year after the narrow relegation last year.

The second team squad is looking to consolidate its position after its promotion last year and will benefit from the continued leadership of captain Paul Webley.

The club is honoured to be hosting a 10-nation test match in July at which bowlers from across the world will descend on the four wood green in Barry to compete in a round robin tournament which will serve as a pre-cursor to the Atlantic Games in

2019.

Visiting countries will include bowls heavyweights from South Africa, Australia and Malaysia, as well as some of the home nations in what should be an exciting competition for players and spectators alike.

This will be followed in August with an under-18 match between Scotland and Wales.

The club is also delighted to be reinstating its fixture against its neighbours from the football section where a dozen of the managers and coaches from Barry Athletic FC will take on a club select team during the season – there will be a handicap system for the match. In the past the fixture has been successful in encouraging new members.

Under the watchful eye of the 'Greens Manager' David Snelling, and supported by Avonmore, the green looks in fine condition ahead of the season opening in April.

The club's aim is to provide members and guests with one of the best and most consistent playing surfaces in Wales.

The chairman Mr Bowen added: "Our season starts on April 14 with the traditional opening event at the green.

"This is open to club members and the local community. There will be an opportunity to try bowls perhaps for the first time – coaching and support is always available for new players.

"There is always a warm welcome for former members too as the club looks to start the season with a number of friendly fixtures to prepare the squads for the competition ahead."

EVERYONE for tennis is the message from Barry Athletic Tennis Club to new members as it launches its new season with its open day on Saturday, April 7 at 2pm, with a new programme of adult and junior coaching and social tennis for all ages and abilities.

The club provides fine facilities for anyone who loves playing tennis in the Barry area at its attractive location on Barry Island, in the grounds of Barry Athletic

Club – just behind the promenade on the Island. Members can enjoy year-round tennis with our four high quality all weather courts.

The club has a partnership with Tennis Squad Coaching Academy with its team of tennis coaches who offer award-winning services.

Open adult and junior coaching sessions are run on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

As a member of the LTA, the club's members can enter a draw for Wimbledon tickets at cost price.

Barry Athletic Tennis Club is run by volunteers

with any profits reinvested into the club's activities and facilities.

With its own pavilion with lounge, kitchen, changing rooms, toilets, and showers, it offers good viewing facilities of activities on courts.

There is ample free car parking at all times and members can use the facilities of the bar in the nearby bowls pavilion.

Barry Tennis Club is affiliated to Tennis Wales, the National Governing Body for tennis in Wales, which is part of The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

For more details visit [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarryTennis](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarryTennis).

## Barry & District Ladies Skittles League results

WEEK commencing March 29).

Division 1 - Bakers Dozen 293 (K.James 28), Sea View Gals 267 (V.Pycroft 28); Pila Pala's 309 (E.Dyke 33), Family & Friends 296 (M.Ogstan 32);

Red Admiral 199 (G. Williams 26), Barry Stars 265 (N.Jones 28); Cigar Ladies 293 (L.Webb 30), Colcot Ladies (J.Holland 28); Coppers 321 (J.Williams 33), Fallen Angels 302 (A.Rees 32).

Division 2 - Castle Bandits 236 (S.King 28), Breakaways 326 (J.Watkins & V.Martin 26); Roller Coasters 227 (C.Thomas 25), Clickies 151 (M.Williams 25); Rhooose Starlights 236 (L.Davies 25), Witich Widows 226 (M.McKinny 28); Special Angels 232 (C.Thomas 30), Airways Angels 243 (A.Crook and L.Taylor 25); Challengers 317 (A.Richards 36), Bobby's Girls 300 (G.Toogood 32); Witich Weebies 333 (M.Rogers 41), Sea View Lights 167 (L.Norris

Division 3 - Off the Rails 267 (G.Griffiths 27), RugbyTriers 229 (M.Howells 27); Hillbillies 304 (J.Lomas, M.Brinkworth and G.Moorecraft 30), After Eights 309 (M.Conibear 30); Sea View Ladies 298 (C.Griffiths 33), Little Devils 285 (J.Jones 34);

Merry Makers 227 (R.Collins 28), Persuaders 216 (K.Kemp 28); Westenders 294 (B.Goddard and C.Gee 30), Dolly Mixtures 267 (K.Rideout 28); Uptown Girls 224 (R.Dutton 26), Etcetera 228 (J.Barten 24).

Division 4 - Hellraisers 229 (M.Davies 25), Twilights 209 (C.Brown 24); Livin on a Spare 279 (S.Townsend 34), Boozy Birds 330 (C.Connell 34); Nite Outers 217 (M.Wright 23), Odd Bods 194 (G.James 23); Optimists 254 (E.Playle 26), The Witches 218 (C.Green 29).

HB

## Farmers head west for a warm welcome



Winning golfers Hugh Williams, David Williams and Bob Glover with sponsors' representative Tosh Taylor and society captain Keith James.

CARMARTHEN Golf Club with its 360 degrees panoramic views over miles of outstanding Welsh countryside proved a perfect venue recently for the monthly meeting of 28 members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, generously sponsored by JCP Solicitors of Cowbridge.

Despite the difficult underfoot conditions caused by the recent spell of wet weather, the course was in reasonably good condition allowing the majority to enjoy the afternoon's golf.

Leading the field at the end of the competition was retired Llancadle farmer David Williams who returned a winning score of 34 stableford points, just one more than runner-up Hugh Williams who finished with 33.

Julian Golunski, with 29 points, finished in third place and society vice-captain Clive Thomas, with 28 points,

finished in fourth. Bob Glover with 29 points won the visitors' prize.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan-sponsored par-three holes were Neil McLean, Martin Edwards, Hugh Williams and Mike King.

David Williams collected the longest drive prize and John Thomas returned home with the Premier Turf Ltd sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing just 12 balls would remain overnight in the adjoining county.

Mention must be made of the excellent catering facilities available at this friendliest of golf clubs. The three-course carvery meal enjoyed by all prior to the presentation of prizes was undoubtedly one of the best meals served to the members during its 33-year existence.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at Newport (Rogerstone) sponsored by local NFU agents Kelly, Harris and Conlon.

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## Bowls club to hold open day in Sully

SULLY Sports Clubhouse/Green, Sully Sports Ground, South Road, Sully. Men's captain John Kirk, and ladies' captain Mary Dare, extend a warm welcome to all members, past, current

and new. Don't worry if you are a novice, or have never bowled, free coaching is available to all newcomers.

The men practice, and hold team selection, on a Monday evening, and their main fixtures include the Private Greens League, and Carruthers Cup, on Saturday afternoons, and the Munro Cup on Wednesday evenings.

The ladies have their practice and coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings, and play in the women's Evening League.

Anyone wishing to join can turn up at the Club on the afternoon of April 14 or contact Peter Holland (men's secretary) on 01446 622490 or Mary Dare (ladies captain) on 01446 732994.

MS

## Murch Bowling Club's welcome for new members

MURCH Bowling Club players are looking forward to the start of their bowling season on Saturday, April 14, from 2pm.

If you have ever wondered about outdoor bowls you would be welcome to come along to meet us and take the opportunity to try your hand at bowling.

Our members will confirm that it is a fun, sociable sport with that extra element of exercise which we all need to keep fit.

Bowls will be provided, just wear flat-soled shoes. We are situated at the end of

Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys.

You will meet some of our existing members who will be happy to discuss with you the merits of the game. It will also give you a chance to enjoy the excellent facilities in our club house.

If you would like more information please contact Cynthia Russell (president) on 02920 513619, Graham Russell (treasurer) on 02920 513619, Eileen Carryer (secretary) on 02920 515568 or Maurice Warman (men's secretary) on 02920 512575.

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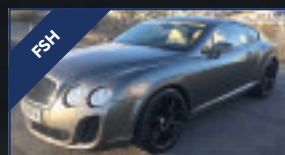
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## Turf Topics

**WEATHER** permitting, **point-to-point** steeplechasing returns to Ystradowen this Saturday when the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt stage their meeting at Uplands Farm.

There will be seven races with the first of them at 2pm and organisers will be hoping that they will attract as many racegoers as the Glamorgan Hunt races did a fortnight earlier.

The John Lovell National Mens Open over three miles and six furlongs is a qualifier for the Timico Mixed Open Final at Cheltenham on Friday, May 4.

### EVAN'S DEVON WINNER

LLANHARAN'S Evan David chalked-up another winner this season when landing the Intermediate race at the Horseheath Point-To-Point Steeplechases last Sunday (April 1) on Andrew Penneck's *Mahlers Spirit*, the heavily backed favourite.

At Buckfastleigh in Devon, Ben Jones, son of

former Welsh champion rider Dai Jones, won the Maiden race on Gordon Chambers' *Predestined* who was a 5-2 chance.

The West Wales National Handicap Chase over three-and-a-half miles at Ffos Las, and worth £15,890 to the winner, went to the Peter Bowen-trained and well-backed 6-1 chance *Henri Parry Morgan*, who beat course winner *Jenny's Surprise* by one and a quarter lengths.

*Henri Parry Morgan*, who is by that good stallion *Brian Boru*, was ridden by Mr Bowen's son Sean, who, like his younger brother James, has taken the horse racing world by storm.

West Wales' Loran Williams took the opening handicap hurdle on Adrain Wintle's *De Bene Esse* and Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn's *Never Equalled* under Sean Houlihan won the two-and-a-half miles hurdle race.

Last Saturday's Monmouthshire Point-To-Point was rained off and officials are hoping a new date can be found.

BRIAN LEE



Tessa Matthews, Eirianwen Thomas, Marion Stephenson, Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Jenny McGlyne.

## No shortage of (Easter) birdies at Cottrell Park!

**COTTRELL PARK Golf Club ladies section recently held an Easter Texas Scramble and lunch on Thursday, March 29.**

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and everyone was happy. They had Easter eggs before they went out and alas on the first hole, the rain came down in a torrent and did not stop the whole way around.

Some very sad ladies came in with wet, soggy cards!

Results: first place

Nan Thomas, Jenny McGlyne, Tessa Matthews and Marion Stephenson with 28.8 on nine holes; second place Lorraine Pointon Bell, Anne Birt, Jan Gambling and Jenny Lord with 30.4; considering the mud and rain, it was a good result.

This was followed by a hot buffet which was very well received by the frozen and wet ladies.

The winter eclectic was won jointly by Kay Bradbury and Lorraine Pointon Bell – a good time was had by all.

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ABOVE: Jan Gambling (left) and Tina Morgan (right).

## Local golf club hits Sport Relief target



Left to right: club manager Derek Smith, lady captain Mrs Lorraine Pointon-Bell and the men's captain Bob Magee.

**COTTRELL Park 36 hole golf resort is delighted to announce it has achieved the target of raising £1,000 for Sport Relief 2018 with its golf and sports simulator challenge.**

On Friday, March 23 PGA professional Gareth Bennett started playing on one of the two state-of-the-art sports simulators at 7am.

He was later joined by staff members Jordan Standing and Iestyn James as they aimed to play golf continuously for 12 hours.

Members and guests also took part by playing a few holes and by entering the 'nearest the pin' competition with a £1 per person entry going to the charity. Competitors included the lady captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell, and the club's general manager, Derek Smith.

The golf and sports simulators, which were refurbished in 2017, now offer other sports such as rugby, ice hockey and football and have the very latest graphics engine and camera technology to track the player's movements.

These machines are available to hire by the club's members, visitors and for corporate bookings.

Eleven golf courses were chosen to play over the 12-hour period. They were: Spyglass Hill, Pebble Beach, Oxie, Riffa, Turnberry, Renaissance, Emirates Majlis, Lynx, Innisbrook Copperhead, English Oaks, Fontainebleau.

Money was raised through sponsorship, entry fees to the nearest the pin competition, collection buckets and from two of the club's corporate members, Igloo Healthcare Limited and KCS Transport Limited, both of which donated £100.

The resort and club members would like to thank all those who took part and donated.

Derek Smith, the club's general manager said: "We are delighted to have achieved our target of £1,000 to donate to Sport Relief and had great fun raising the money on our golf and sports simulators for a brilliant cause."

"Thanks to our volunteers and the ladies' section for coming up to support. The team here can't wait for Comic Relief next where I'm sure they will come up with some novel ideas."

Further details on Sport Relief 2018 and how they use money raised is available on their website

www.sportrelief.com.

## Trystan looking for sponsorship

**TRYSTAN MACIVER**, who attends Cowbridge Comprehensive School (year 7) and lives in St Nicholas has been selected to represent Basketball Wales under-12 boys in a tournament in Belfast.

Trystan is looking for companies to sponsor him – the package will include a Welsh t-shirt with their company logo on that Trystan will be wearing on tour. They will also have the company logo put onto Basketball Wales website



and Facebook page.

If you're interested in supporting Trystan, then call 07866142806 or email daniellemaciver@googlemail.com.

## Netballer Kyra gets Commonwealth Games call-up

**CARDIFF and Vale College's head of netball, Kyra Jones, has been selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games.**

Kyra, who has played for Wales in the Netball World Cup and previous Commonwealth Games, has been selected for the Welsh netball squad for the 2018 Games in Gold Coast, Australia.

She is head of the college's Netball Academy, where 16 to 18-year-olds can study for A Levels or vocational qualifications while training to be the netball stars of the future.

Kyra will gain valuable experience both on and off the court that will benefit the CAVC

Academy students when she returns.

Kyra said: "I aim to gain more experience and knowledge to be able to bring that back to my role as head of netball at CAVC."

Kyra will also be encouraging the CAVC Netball Academy players to watch the games.

"It will be a great opportunity for the girls to sit down and watch the games," she explained. "It will show them what it takes to be able to play for your country."

CAVC sporting academies provide a supportive and specialist environment - for more information visit www.cavc.ac.uk.

## Impressive outing for JSTKD

**IT was another impressive outing for Team JSTKD at the recent English Tae Kwon Do Championships as, once again, the Vale-based Tae Kwon Do school returned home with new champions and medal winners.**

The team comprised Menna and Harri Birmingham, Zac and Joe Grinter, Alex Munn, Jessica Doogue and Darcy Griffin, and all turned in polished performances across both patterns and sparring disciplines.

Menna and Darcy were drawn against each other in the girls' Black Belt Middleweight sparring which, despite them both demonstrating a range of skills, unfortunately meant that the team immediately lost one competitor.

Zac, meanwhile, was busy competing in the boys' Blue Belt Peewee division and unusually for him, didn't quite make the medals this time around.

However, younger brother Joe made sure that the Grinter household didn't return



empty handed as he secured the boys' Green Belt Tiny Tots champion title.

Jessica Doogue was also in medal-winning form and grabbed not one but two bronzes in the girls' Red Belt

Peewee division by making her mark in both the individual and tag team events.

Harri was also on top form in the tag team event, battling it out to great effect in the boys' Black Belt competition

where he claimed a gold.

However, the outstanding performance of the day award has to go to Alex who treated everyone to a truly superior display in his event, to earn himself the title of boys' Blue Belt Lightweight champion.

JSTKD has classes throughout the Vale for all levels and ages and offers a free taster session for new students. Please see www.jstkd.co.uk for details.

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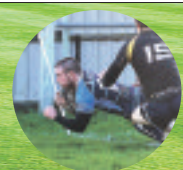




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## Barry RFC's gameplan is not enough to beat Gilfach

Luke O'Sullivan crosses the try line for Barry.



Action from the lineout. ALL PICTURES BY JUDITH DUTTON



**BARRY** RFC entertained fellow promotion contenders Gilfach Goch at the Reservoir Field last Saturday and came off second best as the visitors secured the win by 32 points to 18.

Having to make further changes again due to injuries, Barry were going to need to be at their best to get something from the game which was played on a heavy pitch.

The opening minutes saw Barry kicking for territory while their opponents opted to run the ball and attack from deep.

The latter tactic proved to be more successful and, after only six minutes of the game, earned them the first

score of the game from a quick tap penalty which took Barry by surprise. They crossed under the posts with the easy kick giving them a seven point lead.

That early success encouraged the visitors and they kept Barry on the back foot while denying them hardly any possession.

Two successive lineout losses followed by being driven back at the scrum gave Gilfach their second try as the ball was spread wide where the speedy backs linked to cross wide out, which was unconverted but gave them a 12 point lead after only 14 minutes.

It was time for Barry to rethink their game plan otherwise it seemed like it was going to be a long afternoon.

They did just that and rather than kicking their limited possession away,

they began to take the Gilfach eight on up front, keeping the ball in hand.

Within minutes it proved to be the right decision as the visitors conceded a penalty which Kyle Barross duly converted and Barry had their first points on the board.

As the half moved on Barry kept up the pressure and with Gilfach now having to win possession rather than it being gifted, it became a different game. Gilfach still looked dangerous with the ball but Barry were defending well and forcing errors.

From one such error Barry were to score an unlikely try from deep. A loose ball was dribbled by Tom Perry some 50 metres upfield and when he finally regained the ball, wing Wayne Jones was in support to carry the move on.

Meeting the last line of defence he cleverly chipped ahead where Luke O'Sullivan gathered the ball to cross for the try with the bonus being the fine conversion from the touchline by Kyle Barross to put Barry to within two points, which had not seemed possible 15 minutes earlier.

This turnaround clearly unsettled Gilfach and Barry were to take the lead as an intentional knock-on gave Kyle Barross the kick at goal which put them ahead for the first time.

The whole game changed again between first half injury time and the opening minute of the second half during which Gilfach scored two tries.

Firstly, the restart from the penalty was not controlled by Barry and the forced hasty clearance gave Gilfach the space they wanted as three quick passes saw the defence split to score what was an excellent try and gave Gilfach the lead as the half-time whistle went.

The second try came direct from the second half kick off as Barry were penalised and another quickly-taken penalty saw them cross for the try.

Neither of these tries were converted but Gilfach now held the lead at 22 points to 13.

Fighting to get back in the game, Barry enthusiasm was not being matched by their game management or ball control and Gilfach took full advantage when the opportunity arose.

This was soon the case as Barry lost the ball in attack, leaving the defence wide open for a converted try and now a 16 point lead.

The spirit of Barry has to be admired as once again they attacked the Gilfach defence and, using their forwards, drove to the line where Alyn Evans touched down for the try and, with no conversion, the score now was 29-18 to Gilfach.

Barry now launched a series of attacks on the visitors' line and were unlucky not to cross for a further try, but solid defence held them at bay.

With Barry not prepared to give up without a fight and throwing caution to the wind it was obvious that errors would creep in and so it was.

A lost lineout saw Gilfach counter and take play close to the Barry line where they forced a penalty. Realising the game was not yet won, they took the option to kick at goal and added three points to their lead at 32-18.

With now only minutes remaining the game was all Barry's and try as they may they couldn't find their way over the line.

The game finished with that scoreline – perhaps the better side on the day deserved victory and to beat the top sides in the league Barry will have learnt that your game management must be perfect, something that was lacking here.

This Saturday Barry are away at Llanishen with a 2.30pm kick off.

The lottery rolls over to £1,300 this week after last week's numbers of 03, 13, 14 and 20 failed to produce a winner – no tickets matched three numbers either. **AJ**



James Demetriou holds off the attentions of the Prestatyn defence.

## Six straight wins for Barry Town United!

**BARRY** Town United's winning run in the JD Welsh Premier League stretched to six straight games on Saturday, as Gavin Chesterfield's men battled to a 2-0 triumph over Prestatyn Town at Jenner Park.



Jonathan Hood (left) and Macauley Southam-Hales (centre) celebrate with goalscorer Drew Fahiya.

Leading the charge by nine clear points, while retaining a game in hand, a further point or more from Saturday's return fixture at Bastion Gardens would now see Barry win the Play-Off Conference with three fixtures to spare, with only Newtown and Llandudno still in with a chance of overtaking them.

Boosted by a handful of new and returning faces, Barry's form since the Welsh top flight's January split has been formidable, but feisty Prestatyn were no pushovers on Saturday and will pose another tricky obstacle this weekend, despite their relegation being confirmed with their Jenner Park defeat.

An ill-tempered affair at times, both visitors and hosts ended Saturday's clash with 10 men, as Prestatyn midfielder James Stead and Barry defender Luke Cooper collected two yellows apiece.

Nevertheless, Barry kept their cool to make it 18 points from 18 in Phase Two, with in-form forward Jordan Cotterill and resurgent teammate Drew Fahiya on target with the crucial goals at Jenner Park.

Having netted his team's opener seven days prior at Aberystwyth, Cotterill would repeat the feat on Saturday, unleashing a half-volley that cannoned off the post and into goalkeeper Carl Jones' net to score his fifth of this JD Welsh Premier League season, four minutes ahead of the half-time whistle.

With Stead receiving his marching orders from the subsequent melee, the struggling Seaside might well have feared the worst, until the dismissal of Cooper with 58 minutes gone evened the numbers.

Changing up his on-field options, manager Chesterfield quickly introduced Fahiya for an already-booked Ryan Newman, before attacker James Demetriou made way for defender Lewis Cosslett.

With 71 minutes played, striker Jonathan Hood would go close for Barry, the former Port Talbot Town man unable to double their advantage, denied by an impressive save from goalkeeper Jones.

Instead, it would take the persistent hosts until the 86th minute to finally put the game to bed, **AC**

## Good week's work for Barry Chess Club

**THIS** has been the best week for the Barry Chess Club in many a while. We played two matches and successfully avoided defeat in them both.

In Division 1, the Barry Bosons played the reigning champions Cardiff Castles.

Matthew Davies and Steve Cunliffe on the top boards both earned victory. Ken Hannah on an unusually high board took a draw as did Tom Cooke in his first outing in Division 1.

With the Cardiff side defaulting on board 5, the Bosons took their first victory in 2018 by a healthy margin of 4-1.

The Cardiff side cannot now retain the title they have held for the past seven consecutive seasons.

For the Bosons they have swapped places with Bridgend A and are now in sixth place. We are now 6.5 points above the Cheetahs who are in eighth place.

I suspect we will retain our top division status but not until our round 17 match!

The Barry Quarks in Division 2 sit well adrift of the other teams in the division.

They played the Pentrych A side at the polar opposite position in the league table winning 10 of their 13 matches to date, losing only to the Caerphilly Kings once and the

Pontypridd Phoenix twice.

These teams sit in second and third place in the table and another heavy defeat seemed in the offing.

An excellent victory on board 1 by Jonathan Thomas in defeating a player rated some 350 points higher and a victory for Scott Turner on bottom board and a draw by Sam White ensured a first tie for the Pentrych team this season.

The Quarks remain rooted to the bottom of the table, some 7.5 points from safety with three matches still to play.

Is the greatest escape ever possible? Unlikely but who knows with the Barry Chess Club.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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## Weather hits Barry Athletic CC

**B A R R Y** Athletic Ground, then international cricket comes to Barry Island when Wales over-50s will be taking on Wiltshire.

The league season starts at home to Ponthir on Saturday, May 5, 12.30pm start.

Mark Rees, secretary of Barry Athletic and a personal trainer will be holding outdoor circuits sessions on the Athletic Ground from Monday, April 9, 6pm to 7pm, limited to 16 people. **MR**